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# Testing for Common Trends in Semiparametric Panel Data Models with Fixed Effects\*

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## Abstract

This paper proposes a nonparametric test for common trends in semiparametric panel data models with fixed effects based on a measure of nonparametric goodness-of-fit ( $R^2$ ). We first estimate the model under the null hypothesis of common trends by the method of profile least squares, and obtain the augmented residual which consistently estimates the sum of the fixed effect and the disturbance under the null. Then we run a local linear regression of the augmented residuals on a time trend and calculate the nonparametric  $R^2$  for each cross section unit. The proposed test statistic is obtained by averaging all cross sectional nonparametric  $R^2$ 's, which is close to zero under the null and deviates from zero under the alternative. We show that after appropriate standardization the test statistic is asymptotically normally distributed under both the null hypothesis and a sequence of Pitman local alternatives. We prove test consistency and propose a bootstrap procedure to obtain  $p$ -values. Monte Carlo simulations indicate that the test performs well in finite samples. Empirical applications are conducted exploring the commonality of spatial trends in UK climate change data and idiosyncratic trends in OECD real GDP growth data. Both applications reveal the fragility of the widely adopted common trends assumption.

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# 1 Introduction

Modeling trends in time series has a long history. Phillips (2001, 2005, 2010) provides recent overviews covering the development, challenges, and some future directions of trend modeling in time series. White and Granger (2011) offer working definitions of various kinds of trends and invite more discussions on trends in order to facilitate development of increasingly better methods for prediction, estimation and hypothesis testing for non-stationary time-series data. Due to the wide availability of panel data in recent years, research on trend modeling has spread to the panel data models. Most of the literature falls into two categories depending on whether the trends are stochastic or deterministic. But there is also work on evaporating trends (Phillips, 2007) and econometric convergence testing (Phillips and Sul, 2007, 2009). For reviews on stochastic trends in panel data models, see Banerjee (1999) and Breitung and Pesaran (2005).

Recently, some aspects of modeling deterministic time trends in nonparametric and semiparametric settings have attracted interest. Cai (2007) studies a time-varying coefficient time series model with a time trend function and serially correlated errors to characterize the nonlinearity, nonstationarity, and trending phenomenon. Robinson (2010) considers nonparametric trending regression in panel data models with cross-sectional dependence. Atak, Linton, and Xiao (2011) propose a semiparametric panel data model to model climate change in the United Kingdom (UK hereafter), where seasonal dummies enter the model linearly with heterogeneous coefficients and the time trend enters nonparametrically. Li, Chen, and Gao (2010) extend the work of Cai (2007) to panel data time-varying coefficient models. Most recently, Chen, Gao, and Li (2010, CGL hereafter) extend Robinson's (2010) nonparametric trending panel data models to semiparametric partially linear panel data models with cross-sectional dependence where all individual unit share a common time trend that enters the model nonparametrically. They propose a semiparametric profile likelihood approach to estimate the model.

A conventional feature of work on deterministic trending panel models is the imposition of a common trends assumption, implying that each individual unit follows the same time trend behavior. Such an assumption greatly simplifies the estimation and inference process, and the proposed estimators can be efficient if there is no heterogeneity in individual time trend functions and some other conditions are met. Nevertheless, if the common trends assumption does not stand, the estimates based on nonparametric or semiparametric panel data models with common trends will be generally inefficient and statistical inference will be misleading. It is therefore prudent to test for the common trends assumption before imposing it.

Since Stock and Watson (1988) there has been a large literature on testing for common trends. But to our knowledge, most empirical works have focused on testing for common stochastic trends. Tests for common deterministic trends are far and few between. Vogelsang and Franses (2005) propose tests for common deterministic trend slopes by assuming linear trend functions and a stationary variance process and examining whether two or more trend-stationary time series have the same slopes. Xu (2011) considers tests for multivariate deterministic trend coefficients in the case of nonstationary variance process. Sun (2011) develops a novel testing procedure for hypotheses on deterministic trends in a multivariate trend stationary model where the long run variance is estimated by series method. In

all cases, the models are parametric and the asymptotic theory is established by passing the time series dimension  $T$  to infinity and keeping the number of cross sectional units  $n$  fixed. Empirical applications include Fomby and Vogelsang (2003) and Bacigál (2005), who apply the Vogelsang-Franses test to temperature data and geodetic data, respectively.

This paper develops a test for common trends in a semiparametric panel data model of the form

$$Y_{it} = \beta' X_{it} + f_i(t/T) + \alpha_i + \varepsilon_{it}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad t = 1, \dots, T, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\beta$  is a  $d \times 1$  vector of unknown parameters,  $X_{it}$  is a  $d \times 1$  vector of regressors,  $f_i$  is an unknown smooth time trend function for cross section unit  $i$ , the  $\alpha_i$ 's represent fixed effects that can be correlated with  $X_{it}$ , and  $\varepsilon_{it}$ 's are idiosyncratic errors. The trend functions  $f_i(t/T)$  that appear in (1.1) provide for idiosyncratic trends for each individual  $i$ . For simplicity, we will assume that (i)  $\{\varepsilon_{it}\}$  satisfies certain martingale difference conditions along the time dimension but may be correlated across individuals, and (ii)  $\{\varepsilon_{it}\}$  are independent of  $\{X_{it}\}$ . Note that  $f_i$  and  $\alpha_i$  are not identified in (1.1) without further restrictions.

Model (1.1) covers and extends some existing models. First, when  $f_i \equiv 0$  for all  $i$ , (1.1) becomes the traditional panel data model with fixed effects. Second, if  $n = 1$ , then model (1.1) reduces to the model discussed in Gao and Hawthorne (2006). Third, when  $f_i = f$  for some unknown smooth function  $f$  and all  $i$ , (1.1) becomes the semiparametric trending panel data model of CGL (2010).

The main objective of this paper is to construct a nonparametric test for common trends. Under the null hypothesis of common trends:  $f_i = f$  for all  $i$  in (1.1), we can pool the observations from both cross section and time dimensions to estimate both the finite dimensional parameter ( $\beta$ ) and the infinite dimensional parameter ( $f$ ) under the single identification restriction  $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i = 0$  or  $f(0) = 0$ , whichever is convenient. Let  $u_{it} \equiv \alpha_i + \varepsilon_{it}$ . Let  $\hat{u}_{it}$  denote the estimate of  $u_{it}$  based on the pooled regression. The residuals  $\{\hat{u}_{it}\}$  should not contain any useful trending information in the data. This motivates us to construct a residual-based test for the null hypothesis of common trends. To be concrete, we will propose a test for common trends by averaging the  $n$  measures of nonparametric goodness-of-fit ( $R^2$ ) from the nonparametric time series regression of  $\hat{u}_{it}$  on the time trend for each cross sectional unit  $i$ . Such nonparametric  $R^2$  should tend to zero under the null hypothesis of common trends and diverge from zero otherwise. We show that after being properly centered and scaled, the average nonparametric  $R^2$  is asymptotically normally distributed under the null hypothesis of common trends and a sequence of Pitman local alternatives. We also establish the consistency of the test and propose a bootstrap method to obtain the bootstrap  $p$ -values.<sup>1</sup>

To proceed, it is worth mentioning that (1.1) complements the model of Atak, Linton, and Xiao (2011) who allow for heterogenous slopes but a single nonparametric common trend across cross sections. As mentioned in the concluding remarks, it is also possible to allow the slope coefficients in

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<sup>1</sup> To the best of our knowledge, Su and Ullah (2011) are the first to suggest applying such a measure of nonparametric  $R^2$  to conduct model specification test based on residuals from restricted parametric, nonparametric, or semiparametric regressions, and apply this idea to test for conditional heteroskedasticity of unknown form. Clearly, the nonparametric  $R^2$  statistic can serve as a useful tool for testing many popular hypotheses in econometrics and statistics by playing a role comparable to the important role that  $R^2$  plays in the parametric setup.

(1.1) to vary across individuals and consider a joint test for the homogeneity of the slope coefficients and trend components. But this is beyond the scope of the current paper.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. The hypotheses and the test statistic are given in Section 2. We study the asymptotic distributions of the test under the null and a sequence of local alternatives, establish the consistency of the test, and propose a bootstrap procedure to obtain the bootstrap  $p$ -values in Section 3. Section 4 conducts a small simulation experiment to evaluate the finite sample performance of our test and reports empirical applications of the test to UK climate change data and OECD economic growth data. Section 5 concludes.

NOTATION. Throughout the paper we adopt the following notation. For a matrix  $A$ , its transpose is  $A'$  and Euclidean norm is  $\|A\| \equiv [\text{tr}(AA')]^{1/2}$ , where  $\equiv$  signifies “is defined as”. When  $A$  is a symmetric matrix, we use  $\lambda_{\max}(A)$  to denote its maximum eigenvalue. For a natural number  $l$ , we use  $i_l$  and  $I_l$  to denote the  $l \times 1$  vector of ones and the  $l \times l$  identity matrix, respectively. For a function  $f$  defined on the real line, we use  $f^{(a)}$  to denote its  $a$ 'th derivative whenever it is well defined. The operator  $\xrightarrow{p}$  denotes convergence in probability, and  $\xrightarrow{d}$  convergence in distribution. We use  $(n, T) \rightarrow \infty$  to denote the joint convergence of  $n$  and  $T$  when  $n$  and  $T$  pass to the infinity simultaneously.

## 2 Basic Framework

In this section, we state the null and alternative hypotheses, introduce the estimation of the restricted model under the null, and then propose a test statistic based on the average of nonparametric goodness-of-fit measures.

### 2.1 Hypotheses

The main objective is to construct a test for common trends in model (1.1). We are interested in the null hypothesis that

$$H_0 : f_i(\tau) = f(\tau) \text{ for } \tau \in [0, 1] \text{ and some smooth function } f, \text{ for all } i = 1, \dots, n, \quad (2.1)$$

i.e., all the  $n$  cross sectional units share the common trends function  $f$ . The alternative hypothesis is

$$H_1 : \text{the negation of } H_0.$$

As mentioned in the introduction, we will propose a residual-based test for the above null hypothesis. To do so, we need to estimate the model under the null hypothesis and obtain the augmented residual, which estimates  $\alpha_i + \varepsilon_{it}$ . Then for each  $i$ , we run the local linear regression of the augmented residuals on  $t/T$ , and calculate the nonparametric  $R^2$ . Our test statistic is constructed by averaging these  $n$  nonparametric  $R^2$ 's.

## 2.2 Estimation under the null

To proceed, we introduce the following notation.

$$\begin{aligned} Y_i &\equiv (Y_{i1}, \dots, Y_{iT})', \quad Y \equiv (Y_1', \dots, Y_n')', \quad X_i \equiv (X_{i1}, \dots, X_{iT})', \quad X \equiv (X_1', \dots, X_n')', \\ \varepsilon_i &\equiv (\varepsilon_{i1}, \dots, \varepsilon_{iT})', \quad \varepsilon \equiv (\varepsilon_1', \dots, \varepsilon_n')', \quad \alpha \equiv (\alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n)', \quad D \equiv (-i_{n-1}, I_{n-1})' \otimes i_T, \\ \mathbf{f}_i &\equiv (f_i(1/T), \dots, f_i(T/T))', \quad \mathbf{F} \equiv (\mathbf{f}_1, \dots, \mathbf{f}_n)', \quad \mathbf{f} \equiv [f(1/T), \dots, f(T/T)]'. \end{aligned}$$

Note that under  $H_0$ ,  $\mathbf{F} = i_n \otimes \mathbf{f}$ , and we can write the model (1.1) as

$$Y_{it} = X_{it}'\beta + f(t/T) + \alpha_i + \varepsilon_{it}, \quad (2.2)$$

or in matrix notation as

$$Y = X\beta + i_n \otimes \mathbf{f} + D\alpha + \varepsilon, \quad (2.3)$$

provided we impose the identification condition  $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i = 0$ .

Following Su and Ullah (2006) and CGL (2010), we estimate the model (2.2) by using the profile least squares method. Let  $k(\cdot)$  denote a univariate kernel function and  $h$  a bandwidth. Let  $k_h(\cdot) \equiv k(\cdot/h)/h$ . For any positive integer  $p$ , let  $z_{h,t}^{[p]}(\tau) \equiv (1, (t/T - \tau)/h, \dots, [(t/T - \tau)/h]^p)'$ ,

$$z_h^{[p]}(\tau) \equiv \left( z_{h,1}^{[p]}(\tau), \dots, z_{h,T}^{[p]}(\tau) \right)', \quad \text{and} \quad Z_h^{[p]}(\tau) \equiv i_n \otimes z_h^{[p]}(\tau).$$

We assume that  $f$  is  $(p+1)$ th order continuously differentiable a.e. Let  $D_h^p f(\tau) \equiv (f(\tau), hf^{(1)}(\tau), \dots, h^p f^{(p)}(\tau)/p!)'$ . Then for  $t/T$  in the neighborhood of  $\tau \in (0, 1)$ , we have by the  $p$ th order Taylor expansion that  $f(t/T) = D_h^p f(\tau)' z_{h,t}^{[p]}(\tau) + o((t/T - \tau)^p)$ . Let  $k_{h,t}(\tau) \equiv k_h(t/T - \tau)$ ,  $K_h(\tau) \equiv \text{diag}(k_{h,1}(\tau), \dots, k_{h,T}(\tau))$ , and  $\mathbb{K}_h(\tau) \equiv I_n \otimes K_h(\tau)$ . Define

$$\begin{aligned} s(\tau) &\equiv \left( z_h^{[p]}(\tau)' K_h(\tau) z_h^{[p]}(\tau) \right)^{-1} z_h^{[p]}(\tau)' K_h(\tau) \quad \text{and} \\ S(\tau) &\equiv \left( Z_h^{[p]}(\tau)' \mathbb{K}_h(\tau) Z_h^{[p]}(\tau) \right)^{-1} Z_h^{[p]}(\tau)' \mathbb{K}_h(\tau) = n^{-1} i_n' \otimes s(\tau). \end{aligned}$$

The profile least squares method is composed of the following three steps:

1. Let  $\theta \equiv (\alpha', \beta')'$ . For given  $\theta$  and  $\tau \in (0, 1)$ , we estimate  $D_h^p f(\tau)$  by

$$\hat{D}_{h,\theta}^p f(\tau) \equiv \arg \min_{F \in \mathbb{R}^{p+1}} \left( Y - X\beta - D\alpha - Z_h^{[p]}(\tau) F \right)' \mathbb{K}_h(\tau) \left( Y - X\beta - D\alpha - Z_h^{[p]}(\tau) F \right).$$

Noting that  $S(\tau)D = 0$  by straightforward calculations, the estimator  $\hat{D}_{h,\theta}^p f(\tau)$  is in fact free of  $\alpha$  and its first element is given by

$$\hat{f}_\beta(\tau) \equiv e_1' S(\tau) (Y - X\beta - D\alpha) = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n e_1' s(\tau) (Y_i - X_i \beta), \quad (2.4)$$

where  $e_1 = (1, 0, \dots, 0)'$  is a  $(p+1) \times 1$  vector. Let  $\hat{\mathbf{f}}_\beta \equiv (\hat{f}_\beta(1/T), \dots, \hat{f}_\beta(T/T))'$ ,  $S_T \equiv ([e_1' S(1/T)]', \dots, [e_1' S(T/T)]')'$ , and  $S_{nT} \equiv i_n \otimes S_T$ . Then we have

$$\hat{\mathbf{F}}_\beta \equiv i_n \otimes \hat{\mathbf{f}}_\beta = S_{nT} (Y - X\beta). \quad (2.5)$$

2. We estimate  $(\alpha, \beta)$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}\right) &\equiv \arg \min_{\alpha, \beta} \left(Y - X\beta - D\alpha - \hat{\mathbf{F}}_{\beta}\right)' \left(Y - X\beta - D\alpha - \hat{\mathbf{F}}_{\beta}\right) \\ &= \arg \min_{\alpha, \beta} (Y^* - X^*\beta - D\alpha)' (Y^* - X^*\beta - D\alpha) \end{aligned}$$

where  $Y^* \equiv (I_{nT} - S_{nT})Y$  and  $X^* \equiv (I_{nT} - S_{nT})X$ . Let  $M_D \equiv I_{nT} - D(D'D)^{-1}D'$ . Using the formula for partitioned regression, we obtain

$$\hat{\beta} = (X^{*'}M_D X^*)^{-1} X^{*'}M_D Y^*, \text{ and} \quad (2.6a)$$

$$\hat{\alpha} \equiv (\hat{\alpha}_2, \dots, \hat{\alpha}_n) = (D'D)^{-1} D'(Y^* - X^*\hat{\beta}). \quad (2.6b)$$

Then  $\alpha_1$  can be estimated by  $\hat{\alpha}_1 \equiv -\sum_{i=2}^n \hat{\alpha}_i$ .

3. Plugging (2.6a) into (2.4), we obtain the estimator of  $f(\tau)$ :

$$\hat{f}(\tau) = e_1' S(\tau) (Y - X\hat{\beta}). \quad (2.7)$$

Let

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}} \equiv \left(\hat{f}(1/T), \dots, \hat{f}(T/T)\right)' \text{ and } \hat{\mathbf{F}} \equiv S_{nT} \left(Y - X\hat{\beta}\right) = i_n \otimes \hat{\mathbf{f}}. \quad (2.8)$$

After we obtain estimates of  $\beta$  and  $f(t/T)$ , we can estimate  $u_{it} \equiv \alpha_i + \varepsilon_{it}$  by  $\hat{u}_{it} \equiv Y_{it} - \hat{\beta}' X_{it} - \hat{f}(t/T)$  under the null. Let  $\hat{u}_i \equiv (\hat{u}_{i1}, \dots, \hat{u}_{iT})'$  and  $\hat{u} \equiv (\hat{u}_1', \dots, \hat{u}_n')'$ . Then it is easy to verify that

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{u} &= (\varepsilon - S_{nT}\varepsilon) + D\alpha + X^*(\beta - \hat{\beta}) + \mathbf{F}^*, \\ \hat{u}_i &= (\varepsilon_i - S_T\varepsilon) + \alpha_i i_T + (X_i - S_T X)(\beta - \hat{\beta}) + (\mathbf{f}_i - S_T \mathbf{F}), \\ \hat{u}_{it} &= \alpha_i + [\varepsilon_{it} - e_1' S(t/T)\varepsilon] + [X_{it} - e_1' S(t/T)X](\beta - \hat{\beta}) + [f_i(t/T) - e_1' S(t/T)\mathbf{F}], \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{F}^* \equiv (I_{nT} - S_{nT})\mathbf{F}$ .

## 2.3 A nonparametric $R^2$ -based test for common trends

The idea behind our test is simple. Under  $H_0$ ,  $\hat{u}_{it}$  is a consistent estimate for  $u_{it} = \alpha_i + \varepsilon_{it}$ , and there is no time trend in  $\{u_{it}\}_{t=1}^T$  for each cross sectional unit  $i$ . Nevertheless, under  $H_1$   $\hat{u}_{it}$  includes an individual-specific time trend component  $f_i(t/T) - f^0(t/T)$ , where  $f^0(\tau) \equiv p \lim \hat{f}(\tau)$ . This motivates us to consider a residual-based test for common trends.

For each  $i$ , we propose to run the nonparametric regression of  $\{\hat{u}_{it}\}_{t=1}^T$  on  $\{t/T\}_{t=1}^T$ :

$$\hat{u}_{it} = m_i(t/T) + \eta_{it} \quad (2.9)$$

where  $m_i(\tau) \equiv f_i(\tau) - f^0(\tau)$  and  $\eta_{it} = \alpha_i + \varepsilon_{it}^* + (\beta - \hat{\beta})' X_{it}^* + f^0(t/T) - e_1' S(t/T)\mathbf{F}$  is the new error term in the above regression. Clearly, under  $H_0$  we have  $m_i(\tau) = 0$  for  $\tau \in [0, 1]$ . Given observations  $\{\hat{u}_{it}\}_{t=1}^T$ , the local linear regression of  $\hat{u}_{it}$  on  $t/T$  is fitted by weighted least squares (WLS) as follows

$$\min_{(c_{i0}, c_{i1}) \in \mathbb{R}^2} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \left[ \hat{u}_{it} - c_{i0} - c_{i1} \left( \frac{t}{T} - \tau \right) \right]^2 \bar{w}_{b,t}(\tau) \quad (2.10)$$

where  $b \equiv b(T)$  is a bandwidth parameter such that  $b \rightarrow 0$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\bar{w}_{b,t}(\tau) \equiv w_b(t/T - \tau) / \int_0^1 w_b(t/T - s) ds$ ,  $w_b(\cdot) \equiv w(\cdot/b)/b$ , and  $w(\cdot)$  is a probability density function (p.d.f.) that has support  $[-1, 1]$ . By the proof of Lemma E.1 in the appendix,  $\lambda_{tT} \equiv \int_0^1 w_b(t/T - s) ds = 1$  for  $t/T \in [b, 1 - b]$  and is larger than  $1/2$  otherwise. Therefore,  $\bar{w}_{b,t}(\tau)$  plays the role of a boundary kernel to ensure that  $\int_0^1 \bar{w}_{b,t}(\tau) d\tau = 1$  for any  $t = 1, \dots, T$ .<sup>2</sup>

Let  $\tilde{c}_i \equiv (\tilde{c}_{i0}, \tilde{c}_{i1})'$  denote the solution to the above minimization problem. Following Su and Ullah (2011), the normal equations for the above regression imply the following local ANOVA decomposition of the total sum of squares (TSS)

$$TSS_i(\tau) = ESS_i(\tau) + RSS_i(\tau) \quad (2.11)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} TSS_i(\tau) &\equiv \sum_{t=1}^T (\hat{u}_{it} - \bar{u}_i)^2 \bar{w}_{b,t}(\tau), \\ ESS_i(\tau) &\equiv \sum_{t=1}^T (\tilde{c}_{i0} + \tilde{c}_{i1}(t/T - \tau) - \bar{u}_i)^2 \bar{w}_{b,t}(\tau), \\ RSS_i(\tau) &\equiv \sum_{t=1}^T (\hat{u}_{it} - \tilde{c}_{i0} - \tilde{c}_{i1}(t/T - \tau))^2 \bar{w}_{b,t}(\tau), \end{aligned}$$

and  $\bar{u}_i \equiv T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \hat{u}_{it}$ . A global ANOVA decomposition of  $TSS_i$  is given by

$$TSS_i = ESS_i + RSS_i \quad (2.12)$$

where

$$TSS_i \equiv \int_0^1 TSS_i(\tau) d\tau = \sum_{t=1}^T (\hat{u}_{it} - \bar{u}_i)^2, \quad ESS_i \equiv \int_0^1 ESS_i(\tau) d\tau, \quad \text{and} \quad RSS_i \equiv \int_0^1 RSS_i(\tau) d\tau. \quad (2.13)$$

Then one can define the nonparametric goodness-of-fit ( $R^2$ ) for the above local linear regression as

$$R_i^2 \equiv \frac{ESS_i}{TSS_i}.$$

Under  $H_0$ ,  $\{\hat{u}_{it}\}$  contains no useful trending information so that the above  $R_i^2$  should be close to 0 for each individual  $i$ .

Let  $W_b(\tau) \equiv \text{diag}(\bar{w}_{b,1}(\tau), \dots, \bar{w}_{b,T}(\tau))$ ,  $H(\tau) \equiv W_b(\tau) z_b^{[1]}(\tau) \left( z_b^{[1]}(\tau)' W_b(\tau) z_b^{[1]}(\tau) \right)^{-1} z_b^{[1]}(\tau)'$ ,  $W_b(\tau)$ , and  $\bar{H} \equiv \int_0^1 H(\tau) d\tau$ . It is easy to show that

$$TSS_i = \hat{u}_i' M \hat{u}_i, \quad ESS_i = \hat{u}_i' (\bar{H} - L) \hat{u}_i, \quad \text{and} \quad RSS_i = \hat{u}_i' (I_T - \bar{H}) \hat{u}_i,$$

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<sup>2</sup>Alternatively, one can use the standard kernel weight  $w_b(t/T - \tau)$  in place of  $\bar{w}_{b,t}(\tau)$  in (2.10) and decompose  $TSS_i(\tau)$  analogously to the decomposition in (2.11). But as  $\lambda_{tT} \equiv \int_0^1 w_b(t/T - s) ds$  is not identically 1 for all  $t$ ,  $\int_0^1 TSS_i(\tau) d\tau$  in this case does not lead to the simple expression in (2.13).



where  $M \equiv I_T - L$  and  $L \equiv i_T i_T' / T$ . Define the average nonparametric  $R^2$  as

$$\overline{R}^2 \equiv \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n R_i^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{ESS_i}{TSS_i}.$$

Clearly  $0 \leq \overline{R}^2 \leq 1$  by construction. We will show that after being appropriately centered and scaled,  $\overline{R}^2$  is asymptotically normally distributed under the null and a sequence of Pitman local alternatives.

Before proceeding further, it is worth mentioning a related test statistic that is commonly used in the literature. Under  $H_0$ , the  $m_i(\cdot)$  function in (2.9) is also common for all  $i$  and thus can be written as  $m(\cdot)$ . Since  $m(t/T) = 0$  for all  $t = 1, \dots, T$  under  $H_0$  we can estimate this zero function by pooling the cross sectional and time series observations together to obtain the estimate  $\hat{m}(\cdot)$ , say. Then we can compare this estimate with the nonparametric trend regression estimate  $\hat{m}_i(t/T)$  of  $m_i(t/T)$  to obtain the following  $L_2$  type test statistic

$$D_{nT} \equiv \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T [\hat{m}_i(t/T) - \hat{m}(t/T)]^2.$$

Noting that the estimate  $\hat{m}(t/T)$  has a faster convergence rate than  $\hat{m}_i(t/T)$  to 0 under the null, it is straightforward to show that under suitable conditions this test statistic is asymptotically equivalent to  $\bar{D}_{nT} \equiv \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T \hat{m}_i(t/T)^2$  under the null. Further noticing that  $\sum_{t=1}^T \hat{m}_i(t/T)^2 / TSS_i$  can be regarded as a version of nonparametric *noncentered*  $R^2$  measure for the cross sectional unit  $i$ , we can simply interpret  $\bar{D}_{nT}$  as a weighted nonparametric noncentered  $R^2$ -based test where the weight for cross sectional unit  $i$  is given by  $TSS_i$ . In this paper we focus on the test based on  $\overline{R}^2$  because it is scale-free and is asymptotically pivotal under the null after bias-correction. See the remark after Theorem 3.1 for further discussion.

### 3 Asymptotic Distributions

In this section we first present the assumptions that are used in later analysis and then study the asymptotic distribution of average nonparametric  $R^2$  under both the null hypothesis and a sequence of Pitman local alternatives. We then prove the consistency of the test and propose a bootstrap procedure to obtain bootstrap  $p$ -values.

#### 3.1 Assumptions

Let  $\mathcal{F}_{n,t}(\xi)$  denote the  $\sigma$ -field generated by  $(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_t)$  for a time series  $\{\xi_t\}$ . To establish the asymptotic distribution of our test statistic, we make the following assumptions.

**Assumption A1.** (i) The regressor  $X_{it}$  is generated as follows:

$$X_{it} = g_i\left(\frac{t}{T}\right) + v_{it}. \quad (3.1)$$

(ii) Let  $v_t \equiv (v_{1t}, \dots, v_{nt})'$  for  $t = 1, \dots, T$ .  $\{v_t, \mathcal{F}_{n,t}(v)\}$  is a stationary martingale difference sequence (m.d.s.) of  $n \times d$  random matrices.

(iii)  $E \left[ \|v_{it}\|^2 | \mathcal{F}_{n,t-1}(v) \right] = \sigma_{v,i}^2$  a.s. for each  $i$  and  $\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} E \|v_{it}\|^4 < c_v < \infty$ . There exist  $d \times d$  positive definite matrices  $\Sigma_v$  and  $\Sigma_v^*$  such that

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E(v_{it} v'_{it}) \rightarrow \Sigma_v, \quad \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n E(v_{it} v'_{jt}) \rightarrow \Sigma_v^*, \quad \text{and} \quad E \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n v_{it} \right\|^\delta = O(n^{\delta/2}),$$

for some  $\delta > 2$ .

**Assumption A2.** (i) Let  $\varepsilon_t \equiv (\varepsilon_{1t}, \dots, \varepsilon_{nt})'$  for  $t = 1, \dots, T$ .  $\{\varepsilon_t, t \geq 1\}$  is a stationary sequence.

(ii)  $\{\varepsilon_t, \mathcal{F}_{n,t}(\varepsilon)\}$  is an m.d.s. such that  $E(\varepsilon_{it} | \mathcal{F}_{n,t-1}(\varepsilon)) = 0$  a.s. for each  $i$ .

(iii)  $E(\varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon_{jt} | \mathcal{F}_{n,t-1}(\varepsilon)) = \omega_{ij}$  for each pair  $(i, j)$ . Let  $\sigma_i^2 \equiv \omega_{ii}$ .  $0 < \underline{c} \leq \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sigma_i^2$ ,  $\max_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} |\omega_{ij}| \leq \bar{c} < \infty$ ,  $\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} E(\varepsilon_{it}^8) \leq \bar{c} < \infty$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n |\omega_{ij}| < \infty$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n |\varsigma_{ijk} \varsigma_{ijl}| < \infty$ , and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 \neq i_2 \leq n} \sum_{1 \leq i_3 \neq i_4 \leq n} |\kappa_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4}| < \infty$ , where  $\varsigma_{ijk} \equiv E(\varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon_{jt} \varepsilon_{kt})$  and  $\kappa_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} \equiv E(\varepsilon_{i_1 t} \varepsilon_{i_2 t} \varepsilon_{i_3 t} \varepsilon_{i_4 t})$ .

(iv) Let  $\xi_{it} \equiv \varepsilon_{it}^2 - \sigma_i^2$ . There exists an even number  $\lambda \geq 4$  such that  $\frac{1}{nT^{\lambda/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{1 \leq t_1, t_2, \dots, t_\lambda \leq T} E(\xi_{it_1} \xi_{it_2} \dots \xi_{it_\lambda}) < \infty$ .

(v)  $\varepsilon_{it}$  is independent of  $v_{js}$  for all  $i, j, t, s$ .

(vi) There exists a  $d \times d$  positive definite matrix  $\Sigma_{v\varepsilon}$  such that as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n E(v_{i1} v'_{j1}) E(\varepsilon_{i1} \varepsilon_{j1}) \rightarrow \Sigma_{v\varepsilon}.$$

**Assumption A3.** The trend functions  $f_i(\cdot)$  and  $g_i(\cdot)$  have continuous derivatives up to the  $(p+1)$ th order.

**Assumption A4.** The kernel functions  $k(\cdot)$  and  $w(\cdot)$  are continuous and symmetric p.d.f.'s with compact support  $[-1, 1]$ .

**Assumption A5.** As  $(n, T) \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $b \rightarrow 0$ ,  $h \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\sqrt{nb^{-1}h^2}/\log(nT) \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\min(Tb, nh^{1/2}) \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $n^{1/2}Th^{2p+2} \rightarrow 0$ , and  $n^{1/2+2/\lambda}T^{-1} \rightarrow 0$ .

**Remark 1.** A1 is similar to Assumption A2 in CGL (2010). Like CGL, we allow for cross sectional dependence in  $\{v_{it}\}$  and the degree of cross sectional dependence is controlled by the moment conditions in A1(iii). Unlike CGL, we allow  $\{X_{it}\}$  to possess heterogeneous time trends  $\{g_i\}$  in (3.1), and we relax their i.i.d. assumption of  $v_t$  to the m.d.s. condition. A2 specifies conditions on  $\{\varepsilon_{it}\}$  and their interaction with  $\{v_{it}\}$ . Note that we allow for cross sectional dependence in  $\{\varepsilon_{it}\}$  but rule out serial dependence in A2(ii). To facilitate the derivation of the asymptotic variance of our test statistic, we also impose time-invariant conditional correlations among all cross sectional units in A2(iii). A2(iv) is readily satisfied under suitable mixing conditions together with moment conditions. The independence between  $\{\varepsilon_{it}\}$  and  $\{v_{it}\}$  in A2(v) can be relaxed by modifying the proofs in CGL (2010) significantly. A3 is standard for local polynomial regressions. A4 is a mild and commonly-used condition in the nonparametrics literature. A5 specifies conditions on the bandwidths  $h$  and  $b$  and sample sizes  $n$  and  $T$ . Note that we allow  $n/T \rightarrow c \in [0, \infty]$  as  $(n, T) \rightarrow \infty$ . If we use the optimal rate of bandwidths,

i.e.,  $h \propto (nT)^{-1/(2p+3)}$  in the  $p$ -th order local polynomial regression and  $b \propto T^{-1/5}$  in the local linear regression, then A5 requires

$$\frac{n^{4p+5}}{T} \rightarrow \infty, \quad \frac{n^{\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2p+3}} T^{\frac{1}{10}-\frac{1}{2p+3}}}{\log(nT)} \rightarrow \infty, \quad \frac{(nT)^{\frac{1}{2p+3}}}{n^{1/2}} \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{n^{1/2+2/\lambda}}{T} \rightarrow 0.$$

More specifically, if we choose  $p = 3$ , then A5 implies:  $n^{7/18}/(T^{1/90} \log(nT)) \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $T/n^{3.5} \rightarrow 0$ , and  $n^{1/2+2/\lambda}/T \rightarrow 0$ . If  $n \propto T^a$ , A5 requires  $a \in (2/7, 1/(0.5 + 2/\lambda))$ .

### 3.2 Asymptotic null distribution

Let  $\bar{H}_{ts}$  denote the  $(t, s)$ th element of  $\bar{H}$ . Let  $\alpha_{ts} \equiv T\bar{H}_{ts} - 1$  and  $Q \equiv T^{-1}\text{diag}(\alpha_{11}, \dots, \alpha_{TT})$ . Define

$$\begin{aligned} B_{nT} &\equiv \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\varepsilon_i' Q \varepsilon_i}{T^{-1} T S S_i}, \\ \Omega_{nT} &\equiv \frac{2b}{T^2} \sum_{1 \leq t \neq s \leq T} \alpha_{ts}^2 \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \rho_{ij}^2 \right), \quad \text{where } \rho_{ij} \equiv \omega_{ij} \sigma_i^{-1} \sigma_j^{-1} \\ \Gamma_{nT} &\equiv n^{1/2} T b^{1/2} \bar{R}^2 - B_{nT} = \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{E S S_i - \varepsilon_i' Q \varepsilon_i}{T^{-1} T S S_i}. \end{aligned}$$

The following theorem gives the asymptotic null distribution of  $\Gamma_{nT}$ .

**Theorem 3.1** *Suppose Assumptions A1-A5 hold. Then under  $H_0$ ,*

$$\Gamma_{nT} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \Omega_0)$$

where  $\Omega_0 \equiv \lim_{(n,T) \rightarrow \infty} \Omega_{nT}$ .

**Remark 2.** The proof of the above theorem is lengthy and involves several subsidiary propositions, which are given in Appendix A. Under the null hypothesis, we first demonstrate that  $\Gamma_{nT} = \Gamma_{nT,1} + o_P(1)$ , where  $\Gamma_{nT,1} \equiv \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i(\varepsilon_i)$  and  $\varphi_i(\varepsilon_i) = n^{-1/2} T^{-1} b^{1/2} \sum_{1 \leq t < s \leq T} \alpha_{ts} \varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon_{is} / \sigma_i^2$ . Then we apply the martingale central limit theorem (CLT) to show that  $\Gamma_{nT,1} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \Omega_0)$ . In general,  $\Gamma_{nT}$  is not asymptotically pivotal as cross sectional dependence enters its asymptotic variance  $\Omega_0$ . Nevertheless, if cross sectional dependence is absent, then  $\Gamma_{nT}$  is an *asymptotic pivotal* test because now  $\Omega_0 = \lim_{(n,T) \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2b}{T^2} \sum_{1 \leq t \neq s \leq T} \alpha_{ts}^2$ , which is free of nuisance parameters. This is one advantage to base a test on the scale-free nonparametric  $R^2$  measure.

To implement the test, we need to estimate both the asymptotic bias and variance terms. Let

$$\hat{B}_{nT} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\hat{u}_i' M Q M \hat{u}_i}{T S S_i / T} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\Omega}_{nT} \equiv \frac{2b}{T^2} \sum_{1 \leq t \neq s \leq T} \alpha_{ts}^2 \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \hat{\rho}_{ij}^2 \right)$$

where  $\hat{\rho}_{ij} \equiv \hat{\omega}_{ij} / (\hat{\sigma}_i \hat{\sigma}_j)$ ,  $\hat{\omega}_{ij} \equiv T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (\hat{u}_{it} - \bar{\hat{u}}_i)(\hat{u}_{jt} - \bar{\hat{u}}_j)$ ,  $\hat{\sigma}_i^2 = T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (\hat{u}_{it} - \bar{\hat{u}}_i)^2$  and  $\bar{\hat{u}}_i \equiv T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \hat{u}_{it}$ . We show in the proof of Corollary 3.2 below that  $\hat{B}_{nT} = B_{nT} + o_P(1)$  and  $\hat{\Omega}_{nT} =$

$\Omega_0 + o_P(1)$ . Then we obtain a feasible test statistic as

$$\bar{\Gamma}_{nT} = \frac{n^{1/2}Tb^{1/2}\bar{R}^2 - \hat{B}_{nT}}{\sqrt{\hat{\Omega}_{nT}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\hat{\Omega}_{nT}}} \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{ESS_i - \hat{u}_i' MQM \hat{u}_i}{TSS_i/T}. \quad (3.2)$$

**Corollary 3.2** *Under Assumptions A1-A5,  $\bar{\Gamma}_{nT} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$ .*

We then compare  $\bar{\Gamma}_{nT}$  with the one-sided critical value  $z_\alpha$ , i.e., the upper  $\alpha$ th percentile from the standard normal distribution. We reject the null when  $\bar{\Gamma}_{nT} > z_\alpha$  at the  $\alpha$  significance level.

### 3.3 Asymptotic distribution under local alternatives

To examine the asymptotic local power of our test, we consider the following sequence of Pitman local alternatives:

$$H_1(\gamma_{nT}) : f_i(\tau) = f(\tau) + \gamma_{nT} \Delta_{ni}(\tau) \text{ for all } \tau \in [0, 1] \text{ and } i = 1, \dots, n \quad (3.3)$$

where  $\gamma_{nT} \rightarrow 0$  as  $(n, T) \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\Delta_{ni}(\cdot)$  is a continuous function on  $[0, 1]$ . Let  $\mathbf{\Delta}_{ni} \equiv (\Delta_{ni}(1/T), \dots, \Delta_{ni}(T/T))'$ . Define

$$\Theta_0 \equiv \lim_{(n, T) \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{\Delta}_{ni}' (\bar{H} - L) \mathbf{\Delta}_{ni} / \sigma_i^2.$$

In the appendix we show that  $\Theta_0 = C_w \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^1 \Delta_{ni}^2(\tau) d\tau / \sigma_i^2)$ , where  $C_w \equiv \int_{-1}^1 \{ \int_{-1}^1 [1 + \omega_2^{-1} u(u-v)] w(u) w(u-v) du [\int_{-1}^1 w(z-v) dz]^{-1} - 1 \} dv$  and  $\omega_2 \equiv \int_{-1}^1 w(u) u^2 du$ .

To derive the asymptotic property of our test under the alternatives, we add the following assumption.

**Assumption A6.**  $n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^1 |g_i(\tau) - \bar{g}(\tau)| d\tau = o(1)$  where  $\bar{g}(\cdot) \equiv n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n g_i(\cdot)$ .

That is, the nonparametric trending functions  $\{g_i(\cdot), 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  that appear in A1 are *asymptotically homogeneous*. This assumption is needed to determine the probability order of  $\hat{\beta} - \beta$  under  $H_1(\gamma_{nT})$  and  $H_1$ . Without A6, we can only show that  $\hat{\beta} - \beta = O_P(\gamma_{nT})$  under  $H_1(\gamma_{nT})$  and that  $\hat{\beta} - \beta = O_P(1)$  under  $H_1$  for  $\gamma_{nT}$  that converges to zero no faster than  $n^{-1/2}T^{-1/2}$ . With A6, we demonstrate in Lemma E.6 that  $\hat{\beta} - \beta = o_P(\gamma_{nT})$  under  $H_1(\gamma_{nT})$  and that  $\hat{\beta} - \beta = o_P(1)$  under  $H_1$ , which are sufficient for us to establish the local power property and the global consistency of our test respectively in Theorems 3.3 and 3.4 below.

The following theorem establishes the local power property of our test.

**Theorem 3.3** *Suppose Assumptions A1-A6 hold. Suppose that  $\Delta_{ni}(\cdot)$  is a continuous function such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_{ni}(\tau) = 0$  for  $\tau \in [0, 1]$  and  $\sup_{n \geq 1} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \int_0^1 \Delta_{ni}^2(\tau) d\tau < \infty$ . Then with  $\gamma_{nT} = n^{-1/4}T^{-1/2}b^{-1/4}$  in (3.3) the local power of our test satisfies*

$$P(\bar{\Gamma}_{nT} > z_\alpha | H_1(\gamma_{nT})) \rightarrow 1 - \Phi(z_\alpha - \Theta_0 / \sqrt{\Omega_0}),$$

where  $\Phi(\cdot)$  is the cumulative distribution function (CDF) of the standard normal distribution.

**Remark 3.** Theorem 3.3 implies that our test has nontrivial asymptotic power against alternatives that diverge from the null at the rate  $n^{-1/4}T^{-1/2}b^{-1/4}$ . The power increases with the magnitude of  $\Theta_0$ . Clearly, as either  $n$  or  $T$  increases, the power of our test will increase but it increases faster as  $T \rightarrow \infty$  than as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for the same choice of  $b$ .

### 3.4 Consistency of the test

To study the consistency of our test, we take  $\gamma_{nT} = 1$  and  $\Delta_{ni}(\tau) = \Delta_i(\tau)$  in (3.3), where  $\Delta_i(\cdot)$  is a continuous function on  $[0, 1]$  such that  $\underline{c}_\Delta \leq n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^1 \Delta_i(\tau)^2 d\tau \leq \bar{c}_\Delta$  for some  $0 < \underline{c}_\Delta < \bar{c}_\Delta < \infty$ . Let  $\mathbf{\Delta}_i \equiv (\Delta_i(1/T), \dots, \Delta_i(T/T))'$ . Define

$$\Theta_A \equiv \lim_{(n,T) \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{\Delta}_i' (\bar{H} - L) \mathbf{\Delta}_i / \bar{\sigma}_i^2.$$

where  $\bar{\sigma}_i^2 \equiv \sigma_i^2 + \int_0^1 \Delta_i(\tau)^2 d\tau - (\int_0^1 \Delta_i(\tau) d\tau)^2$ . The following theorem establishes the consistency of the test.

**Theorem 3.4** *Suppose Assumptions A1-A6 hold. Under  $H_1$ ,*

$$n^{-1/2}T^{-1}b^{-1/2}\bar{\Gamma}_{nT} = \Theta_A + o_P(1).$$

Theorem 3.4 implies that under  $H_1$ ,  $P(\bar{\Gamma}_{nT} > d_{nT}) \rightarrow 1$  as  $(n, T) \rightarrow \infty$  for any sequence  $d_{nT} = o(n^{1/2}Tb^{1/2})$  provided  $\Theta_A > 0$ , thus establishing the global consistency of the test.

### 3.5 A bootstrap version of the test

It is well known that asymptotic normal distribution of many nonparametric tests may not approximate their finite sample distributions well in practice. Therefore we now propose a fixed-regressor bootstrap method (e.g., Hansen (2000)) to obtain the bootstrap approximation to the finite sample distribution of our test statistic under the null.

We propose to generate the bootstrap version of our test statistic  $\bar{\Gamma}_{nT}$  as follows:

1. Obtain the augmented residuals  $\hat{u}_{it} = Y_{it} - \hat{f}(t/T) - X'_{it}\hat{\beta}$ , where  $\hat{f}$  and  $\hat{\beta}$  are obtained by the profile least squares estimation of the restricted model. Calculate the test statistic  $\bar{\Gamma}_{nT}$ .
2. Let  $\bar{\hat{u}}_i \equiv T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \hat{u}_{it}$  and  $\hat{u}_t \equiv (\hat{u}_{1t} - \bar{\hat{u}}_1, \dots, \hat{u}_{nt} - \bar{\hat{u}}_n)'$ . Obtain the bootstrap error  $u_t^*$  by random sampling with replacement from  $\{\hat{u}_s, s = 1, 2, \dots, T\}$ . Generate the bootstrap analog of  $Y_{it}$  by holding  $X_{it}$  as fixed:  $Y_{it}^* = \hat{f}(t/T) + X'_{it}\hat{\beta} + \bar{\hat{u}}_i + u_{it}^*$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and  $t = 1, \dots, T$ , where  $u_{it}^*$  is the  $i$ th element in the  $n$ -vector  $u_t^*$ .
3. Based on the bootstrap resample  $\{Y_{it}^*, X_{it}\}$ , run the profile least squares estimation of the restricted model to obtain the bootstrap augmented residuals  $\{\hat{u}_{it}^*\}$ .
4. Based on  $\{\hat{u}_{it}^*\}$ , compute the bootstrap test statistic  $\bar{\Gamma}_{nT}^* \equiv (Tn^{1/2}b^{1/2}\bar{R}^{2*} - \hat{B}_{nT}^*)/\sqrt{\hat{\Omega}_{nT}^*}$ , where  $\bar{R}^{2*}$ ,  $\hat{B}_{nT}^*$  and  $\hat{\Omega}_{nT}^*$  are defined analogously to  $\bar{R}^2$ ,  $\hat{B}_{nT}$  and  $\hat{\Omega}_{nT}$ , respectively, but with  $\hat{u}_{it}$  being replaced by  $\hat{u}_{it}^*$ .

5. Repeat Step 2-4 for  $B$  times and index the bootstrap statistics as  $\{\bar{\Gamma}_{nT,l}^*\}_{l=1}^B$ . The bootstrap  $p$ -value is calculated by  $p^* \equiv B^{-1} \sum_{l=1}^B 1\{\bar{\Gamma}_{nT,l}^* > \bar{\Gamma}_{nT}\}$ , where  $1\{\cdot\}$  is the usual indicator function.

Some facts are worth mentioning: (i) Conditionally on the original sample  $\mathcal{W} \equiv \{(Y_{it}, X_{it}), i = 1, \dots, n, t = 1, \dots, T\}$ , the bootstrap replicates  $u_{it}^*$  are dependent among cross sectional units, and i.i.d. across time for fixed  $i$ ; (ii) the regressor  $X_{it}$  is held fixed during the bootstrap procedure; (iii) the null hypothesis of common trends is imposed in Step 2.

## 4 Simulations and Applications

This section conducts a small set of simulations to assess the finite sample performance of the test. We then report empirical applications of the common trend test to UK climate change data and OECD real GDP growth data.

### 4.1 Simulation study

#### 4.1.1 Data generating processes

We generate data according to six data generating processes (DGPs), among which DGPs 1-2 are used for the level study, and DGPs 3-6 are for the power study.

DGP 1:

$$y_{it} = x_{it}\beta + \left[ \left( \frac{t}{T} \right)^3 + \frac{t}{T} \right] + \alpha_i + \varepsilon_{it},$$

where  $i = 1, \dots, n, t = 1, \dots, T$ ,  $\beta = 2$ , for each  $i$  we generate  $x_{it}$  as i.i.d.  $U(a_i - 3, a_i + 3)$  across  $t$  with  $a_i$  being i.i.d.  $N(0, 1)$ ,  $\alpha_i = T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T x_{it}$  for  $i = 2, \dots, n$ , and  $\alpha_1 = -\sum_{i=2}^n \alpha_i$ .

DGP 2:

$$y_{it} = x_{it,1}\beta_1 + x_{it,2}\beta_2 + \left[ 2 \left( \frac{t}{T} \right)^2 + \frac{t}{T} \right] + \alpha_i + \varepsilon_{it},$$

where  $i = 1, \dots, n, t = 1, \dots, T$ ,  $\beta_1 = 1$ ,  $\beta_2 = 1/2$ ,  $x_{it,1} = 1 + \sin(\pi t/T) + v_{it,1}$ ,  $x_{it,2} = 0.5t/T + v_{it,2}$ ,  $v_{it,1}$  and  $v_{it,2}$  are each i.i.d.  $N(0, 1)$  and independent of each other,  $\alpha_i = \max(T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T x_{it,1}, T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T x_{it,2})$  for  $i = 2, \dots, n$ , and  $\alpha_1 = -\sum_{i=2}^n \alpha_i$ .

DGP 3:

$$y_{it} = x_{it}\beta + \left[ (1 + \delta_{i1}) \left( \frac{t}{T} \right)^3 + (1 + \delta_{i2}) \frac{t}{T} \right] + \alpha_i + \varepsilon_{it},$$

where  $i = 1, \dots, n, t = 1, \dots, T$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $x_{it}$ , and  $\alpha_i$  are generated as in DGP 1, and  $\delta_{i1}$  and  $\delta_{i2}$  are each i.i.d.  $U(-1/2, 1/2)$ , mutually independent and independent of  $x_{it}$  and  $\alpha_i$ .

DGP 4:

$$y_{it} = x_{it,1}\beta_1 + x_{it,2}\beta_2 + \left[ (2 + \delta_{i1}) \left( \frac{t}{T} \right)^2 + (1 + \delta_{i2}) \frac{t}{T} \right] + \alpha_i + \varepsilon_{it},$$

where  $i = 1, \dots, n, t = 1, \dots, T$ ,  $\beta_1$ ,  $\beta_2$ ,  $x_{it,1}$ ,  $x_{it,2}$ , and  $\alpha_i$  are generated as in DGP 2, and  $\delta_{i1}$  and  $\delta_{i2}$  are each i.i.d.  $U(-1/2, 1/2)$ , mutually independent and independent of  $(x_{it,1}, x_{it,2}, \alpha_i)$ .

DGP 5:

$$y_{it} = x_{it}\beta + \left[ (1 + \delta_{nT,i1}) \left( \frac{t}{T} \right)^3 + (1 + \delta_{nT,i2}) \frac{t}{T} \right] + \alpha_i + \varepsilon_{it},$$

where  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $t = 1, \dots, T$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $x_{it}$ , and  $\alpha_i$  are generated as in DGP 1, and  $\delta_{nT,i1}$  and  $\delta_{nT,i2}$  are each i.i.d.  $U(-7\gamma_{nT}, 7\gamma_{nT})$ , mutually independent, and independent of  $x_{it}$  and  $\alpha_i$ .

DGP 6:

$$y_{it} = x_{it,1}\beta_1 + x_{it,2}\beta_2 + \left[ (1 + \delta_{nT,i1}) \left( \frac{t}{T} \right)^2 + (1 + \delta_{nT,i2}) \frac{t}{T} \right] + \alpha_i + \varepsilon_{it},$$

where  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $t = 1, \dots, T$ ,  $\beta_1$ ,  $\beta_2$ ,  $x_{it,1}$ ,  $x_{it,2}$ , and  $\alpha_i$  are generated as in DGP 2, and  $\delta_{nT,i1}$  and  $\delta_{nT,i2}$  are each i.i.d.  $U(-7\gamma_{nT}, 7\gamma_{nT})$ , mutually independent and independent of  $(x_{it,1}, x_{it,2}, \alpha_i)$ .

Note that DGPs 5-6 are used to examine the finite sample behavior of our test under the sequence of Pitman local alternatives. For both DGPs, we set  $\gamma_{nT} = n^{-1/4}T^{-1/2} (T^{-1/5})^{-1/4}$  by choosing  $b = T^{-1/5}$ , and keep  $\{\delta_{nT,i1}\}$  and  $\{\delta_{nT,i2}\}$  fixed through the simulations. Similarly,  $\{\delta_{i1}\}$  and  $\{\delta_{i2}\}$  are kept fixed through the simulations for DGPs 3-4.

In all of the above DGPs, we generate  $\{\varepsilon_{it}\}$  analogously to that in CGL (2010) and independently of all other variables on the right hand side of each DGP. Specifically, we generate  $\varepsilon_t$  as i.i.d.  $n$ -dimensional vector of Gaussian variables with zero mean and covariance matrix  $(\omega_{ij})_{n \times n}$ . We consider two configurations for  $(\omega_{ij})_{n \times n}$ :

$$\text{CD (I) : } \omega_{ij} = 0.5^{|j-i|} \sigma_i \sigma_j \text{ and CD (II) : } \omega_{ij} = 0.8^{|j-i|} \sigma_i \sigma_j,$$

where  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ , and  $\sigma_i$  are i.i.d.  $U(0, 1)$ . By construction,  $\{\varepsilon_{it}\}$  are independent across  $t$  and cross sectionally dependent across  $i$ .

#### 4.1.2 Test results

To implement our test, we need to choose two kernel functions and two bandwidth sequences. We choose the Epanechnikov kernel for both  $k$  and  $w$  so that  $k(v) = w(v) = 0.75(1 - v^2)1\{|v| \leq 1\}$ . To estimate the restricted semiparametric model, we use the third order local polynomial regression and adopt the “leave-one-out” cross validation method to select the bandwidth  $h$ . To run the local linear regression of  $\hat{u}_{it}$  on  $t/T$  for each cross sectional unit  $i$ , we set  $b = c\sqrt{\frac{1}{12}T^{-1/5}}$  for  $c = 0.5, 1$  and  $1.5$  to examine the sensitivity of our test to the choice of bandwidth.<sup>3</sup>

We consider  $n, T = 25, 50, 100$ . For each combination of  $n$  and  $T$ , we use 500 replications for both level and power study and 200 bootstrap resamples in each replication.

Table 1 reports the finite sample level of our test when the nominal level is 5%. From Table 1, we see that the levels of our test behave reasonably well except when  $n/T$  is large (e.g.,  $(n, T) = (50, 25)$  or  $(100, 25)$ ). In the latter case, our test is undersized. For fixed  $n$ , as  $T$  increases, the level of our test approaches the nominal level fairly fast. We also note that the size of our test is robust to different choices of bandwidth.

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<sup>3</sup>Here, the time trend regressor  $\{t/T, t = 1, 2, \dots, T\}$  can be regarded as uniformly distributed on the interval  $(0, 1)$  and thus has variance  $1/12$ .

Table 1: Finite sample rejection frequency for DGPs 1-2 (nominal level: 0.05)

DGP	$n$	$T$	CD (I)			CD (II)		
			$c = 0.5$	$c = 1$	$c = 1.5$	$c = 0.5$	$c = 1$	$c = 1.5$
1	25	25	0.036	0.038	0.038	0.034	0.028	0.032
		50	0.038	0.044	0.036	0.032	0.038	0.030
		100	0.046	0.054	0.052	0.042	0.042	0.056
	50	25	0.014	0.028	0.042	0.030	0.028	0.030
		50	0.034	0.056	0.054	0.038	0.044	0.044
		100	0.056	0.048	0.046	0.042	0.038	0.054
	100	25	0.018	0.024	0.022	0.018	0.028	0.028
		50	0.038	0.030	0.024	0.048	0.052	0.048
		100	0.052	0.038	0.054	0.042	0.050	0.048
2	25	25	0.048	0.050	0.050	0.036	0.022	0.038
		50	0.046	0.040	0.054	0.034	0.026	0.038
		100	0.056	0.064	0.072	0.030	0.038	0.062
	50	25	0.026	0.024	0.036	0.018	0.026	0.042
		50	0.056	0.056	0.062	0.040	0.036	0.046
		100	0.056	0.066	0.054	0.044	0.044	0.058
	100	25	0.014	0.016	0.016	0.020	0.022	0.036
		50	0.044	0.032	0.028	0.022	0.034	0.042
		100	0.042	0.046	0.058	0.032	0.040	0.040

Tables 2 reports the finite sample power of our test against global alternatives at the 5% nominal level. There is no time trend in the regressor  $x_{it}$  in DGP 3 whereas both regressors  $x_{it,1}$  and  $x_{it,2}$  contain a time trend component in DGP 4. We summarize some important findings from Table 2. First, as either  $n$  or  $T$  increases, the power of our test generally increases and finally reaches 1, but it increases faster as  $T$  increases than as  $n$  increases. This is compatible with our asymptotic theory. Secondly, comparing the power behavior of our test under CD (I) and CD (II) indicates that the degree of cross sectional dependence in the error terms has negative impact on the power of our test. This is as expected, as stronger cross sectional dependence implies less information in each additional cross sectional observation. Third, the choice of the bandwidth  $b$  has some effect on the power of our test. Surprisingly, a larger value of  $b$  is associated with a larger testing power.

Table 3 reports the finite sample power of our test against Pitman local alternatives at the 5% nominal level. From the table, we see that our test has nontrivial power to detect the local alternatives at the rate  $n^{-1/4}T^{-1/2}b^{-1/4}$ , which confirms the asymptotic result in Theorem 3.3. As either  $n$  or  $T$  increases, we observe the alteration of the local power, which, unlike the case of global alternatives, does not necessarily increase.

## 4.2 Applications to real data

In this subsection we apply our test to two real data sets to illustrate its power to detect deviations from common trends, one is to UK climate change data and the other is to OECD economic growth



Table 2: Finite sample rejection frequency for DGPs 3-4 (nominal level: 0.05)

DGP	$n$	$T$	CD (I)			CD (II)		
			$c = 0.5$	$c = 1$	$c = 1.5$	$c = 0.5$	$c = 1$	$c = 1.5$
3	25	25	0.294	0.486	0.650	0.128	0.184	0.336
		50	0.502	0.710	0.840	0.182	0.326	0.454
		100	0.938	0.996	0.998	0.580	0.888	0.980
	50	25	0.196	0.424	0.606	0.072	0.136	0.224
		50	0.700	0.936	0.982	0.268	0.496	0.654
		100	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.924	0.996	1.000
	100	25	0.456	0.806	0.938	0.162	0.336	0.494
		50	0.912	1.000	1.000	0.462	0.756	0.898
		100	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.910	0.998	1.000
4	25	25	0.288	0.530	0.730	0.124	0.206	0.344
		50	0.432	0.674	0.788	0.156	0.308	0.434
		100	0.790	0.948	0.988	0.348	0.656	0.816
	50	25	0.352	0.732	0.900	0.142	0.282	0.424
		50	0.802	0.962	0.988	0.336	0.586	0.776
		100	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.926	0.996	0.998
	100	25	0.334	0.712	0.884	0.126	0.234	0.384
		50	0.972	0.996	1.000	0.500	0.824	0.946
		100	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.926	0.996	1.000

Table 3: Finite sample rejection frequency for DGPs 5-6 (nominal level: 0.05)

DGP	$n$	$T$	$\gamma_{nT}$	CD (I)			CD (II)		
				$c = 0.5$	$c = 1$	$c = 1.5$	$c = 0.5$	$c = 1$	$c = 1.5$
5	25	25	0.1051	0.550	0.862	0.954	0.280	0.532	0.758
		50	0.0769	0.574	0.796	0.876	0.218	0.390	0.542
		100	0.0563	0.884	0.978	0.994	0.532	0.800	0.916
	50	25	0.0883	0.436	0.774	0.928	0.200	0.344	0.530
		50	0.0647	0.662	0.890	0.952	0.234	0.422	0.554
		100	0.0473	0.878	0.976	0.998	0.336	0.556	0.708
	100	25	0.0743	0.410	0.770	0.926	0.146	0.272	0.416
		50	0.0544	0.612	0.884	0.954	0.198	0.332	0.474
		100	0.0398	0.664	0.892	0.960	0.212	0.346	0.516
6	25	25	0.1051	0.570	0.896	0.956	0.288	0.574	0.796
		50	0.0769	0.494	0.764	0.876	0.192	0.354	0.538
		100	0.0563	0.878	0.976	0.994	0.386	0.408	0.770
	50	25	0.0883	0.488	0.836	0.936	0.178	0.366	0.544
		50	0.0647	0.702	0.914	0.980	0.232	0.416	0.580
		100	0.0473	0.886	0.976	0.996	0.352	0.622	0.796
	100	25	0.0743	0.350	0.702	0.902	0.130	0.276	0.422
		50	0.0544	0.640	0.924	0.976	0.282	0.468	0.624
		100	0.0398	0.722	0.918	0.962	0.290	0.472	0.662

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#### 4.2.1 UK climate change data

The issue of global warming has received a lot of recent attention. Atak, Linton, and Xiao (2011) develop a semiparametric model to describe the trend in UK regional temperatures and other weather outcomes over the last century, where a single common trend is assumed across all locations.<sup>4</sup> It is interesting to check whether such a common trend restriction is satisfied. To conserve space, in this application we investigate the pattern of climate change in UK over the last 32 years. The data set contains monthly mean maximum temperature (in Celsius degrees, *Tmax* for short), mean minimum temperature (in Celsius degrees, *Tmin* for short), total rainfall (in millimeters, *Rain* for short) from 37 stations covering UK (available from the UK Met Office at: [www.metoffice.gov.uk/climate/uk/stationdata](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/climate/uk/stationdata)). According to data availability we adopt a *balanced* panel data set that spans from October 1978 to July 2010 for 26 selected stations ( $n = 26$ ,  $T = 382$ ) to see if there exists a single common trend among these selected stations in *Tmax*, *Tmin*, and *Rain*, respectively. Note that the time span for our data set is much shorter than that in Atak, Linton and Xiao (2011).

For each series we consider a model of the following form

$$y_{it} = D_t' \beta + f_i \left( \frac{t}{T} \right) + \alpha_i + \varepsilon_{it}, \quad i = 1, \dots, 26, \quad T = 1, \dots, 382,$$

where  $y_{it}$  is *Tmax*, *Tmin*, or *Rain* for station  $i$  at time  $t$ ,  $D_t \in \mathbb{R}^{11}$  is a 11-dimensional vector of monthly dummy variables,  $\alpha_i$  is the fixed effect for station  $i$ , and the time trend function  $f_i(\cdot)$  is unknown. We are interested in testing for  $f_i = f$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

To implement our test, the Epanechnikov kernel is used in both stages. We choose the bandwidth  $h$  by the “leave-one-out” cross validation method and consider 10 different bandwidths of the form  $b = c\sqrt{\frac{1}{12}T^{-1/5}}$ , where  $c = 0.6, 0.7, \dots, 1.5$ . 10,000 bootstrap resamples are used to construct the bootstrap distribution.

The results are reported in Table 4. From the table, we see that the  $p$ -values are smaller than 0.05 for *Tmax* and *Tmin* and larger than 0.1 for *Rain* for all choices of  $b$ . We can reject the null hypothesis of common trends at the 5% level for both *Tmax* and *Tmin* but not for *Rain* even at the 10% level.

#### 4.2.2 OECD economic growth data

Economic growth has been a key issue in macroeconomics over many decades with much attention to time variation in total factor productivity as a key source of growth. In this application we consider a model for the OECD economic growth data which explicitly incorporates a nonparametric time trend to capture such effects. The data set consists of four economic variables from 16 OECD countries ( $n = 16$ ): Gross domestic product (GDP), Capital Stock ( $K$ ), Labor input ( $L$ ), and Human capital ( $H$ ). We download GDP (at 2005 US\$), Capital stock (at 2005 US\$), and Labor input (Employment, at thousand persons) from <http://www.datastream.com>, and Human capital (Educational Attainment for

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<sup>4</sup>Atak, Linton, and Xiao (2011) study a model that allows for heterogenous effects of seasonal dummy variables and use different data sets than ours. Consequently, our results are not directly comparable with theirs.

Table 4: Bootstrap p-values for application to the U.K. climate data

Series \ $c$	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5
$Tmax$	0.0060	0.0101	0.0073	0.0078	0.0061	0.0074	0.0091	0.0110	0.0151	0.0235
$Tmin$	0.0142	0.0160	0.0153	0.0130	0.0097	0.0053	0.0038	0.0029	0.0024	0.0010
$Rain$	0.8726	0.8163	0.7365	0.6592	0.5915	0.5670	0.5731	0.5890	0.6265	0.6790

Note: bandwidth  $b = c\sqrt{1/12T^{-1/5}}$  and bootstrap replication number  $B = 10,000$ .

Population Aged 25 and Over) from <http://www.barrolee.com>. The first three variables are seasonally adjusted quarterly data and span from 1975Q4 to 2010Q3 ( $T = 140$ ). For Human capital, we have only 5-years census data from the Barro-Lee dataset so that we have to use linear interpolation to obtain the quarterly observations.

We consider the following model for growth rates

$$\Delta \ln GDP_{it} = \beta_1 \Delta \ln L_{it} + \beta_2 \Delta \ln K_{it} + \beta_3 \Delta \ln H_{it} + f_i(t/T) + \alpha_i + \varepsilon_{it}, \quad i = 1, \dots, 16, \quad T = 1, \dots, 140,$$

where  $\alpha_i$  is the fixed effect,  $f_i(\cdot)$  is unknown smooth time trends function for country  $i$ , and  $\Delta \ln Z_{it} = \ln Z_{it} - \ln Z_{i,t-1}$  for  $Z = GDP, L, K$ , and  $H$ . We are interested in testing for common time trends for the 16 OECD countries.

The kernels, bandwidths, and number of bootstrap resamples are chosen as in the previous application. In Figure 1 we plot the estimated common trends (where we use the recentered trend:  $\hat{f}(\tau) - \int_0^1 \hat{f}(\tau) d\tau$  for comparison) from the restricted semiparametric regression model together with its 90% pointwise confidence bands. Also plotted in Figure 1 are three representative individual trend functions for France, Spain, and UK, which are estimated from the unrestricted semiparametric regression models. For the purpose of comparison, for the unconstrained model we impose the identification condition that the integral of each individual trend function over  $(0, 1)$  equals zero and use the Silverman rule-of-thumb to choose the bandwidths. Clearly, Figure 1 suggests that the estimated common trends function is significantly different from zero over a wide range its support. In addition, the trend functions for the three representative individual countries are obviously different from the estimated common trends, which implies that the widely used common trends assumption may not be plausible at all.

Table 5 reports the bootstrap  $p$ -values for our test of common trends. From the table, we can see that the  $p$ -values are smaller than 0.1 for all bandwidths under investigation. Then we can reject the null hypothesis of common trends at the 10% level.

## 5 Concluding Remarks

In this paper we propose a nonparametric test for common trends in semiparametric panel data models with fixed effects. We first estimate the restricted semiparametric model to obtain the augmented

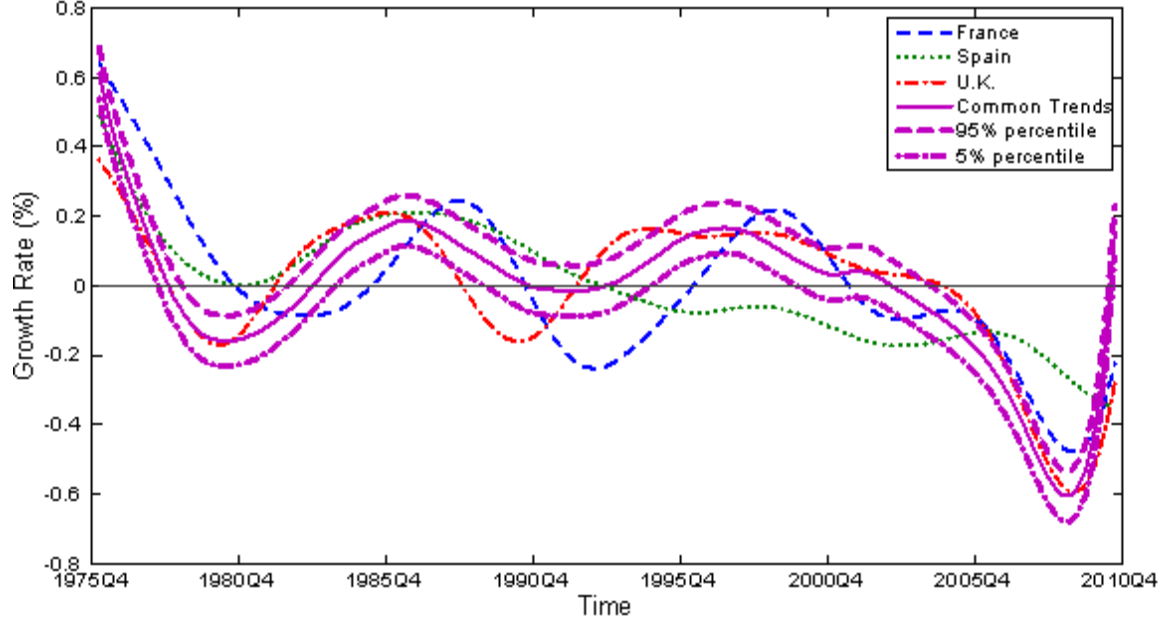


Figure 1: Trends in OECD real GDP growth rates from 1975Q4 to 2010Q3

Table 5: Bootstrap p-values for application to OECD real GDP growth rate data

Series \ $c$	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5
$\Delta \ln GDP$	0.0001	0.0005	0.0020	0.0063	0.0141	0.0281	0.0336	0.0536	0.0645	0.0820

Note: bandwidth  $b = c\sqrt{1/12T^{-1/5}}$  and bootstrap replication number  $B = 10,000$ .

residuals and then run a local linear regression of the augmented residuals on the time trend for each cross sectional unit to obtain  $n$  nonparametric  $R^2$  measures. We construct our test statistic by averaging these individual nonparametric  $R^2$ 's, and show that after being appropriately centered and scaled, the statistic is asymptotically normally distributed under both the null hypothesis of common trends and a sequence of Pitman local alternatives. We also prove the consistency of the test and propose a bootstrap procedure to obtain the bootstrap  $p$ -values. Monte Carlo simulations and applications to both the UK climate change data and the OECD economic growth data are reported, both of which point to the empirical fragility of a common trend assumption.

Some extensions are possible. First, our semiparametric model in (1.1) only complements that in Atak, Linton, and Xiao (2011), and it is possible to allow the slope coefficients also to be heterogenous when we test for the null hypothesis of common trends for the nonparametric component. In this case, the profile least squares estimation of Su and Ullah (2006) and Chen, Gao, and Li (2010) and the nonparametric- $R^2$ -based test lose much of their advantage and the heterogenous slope coefficients can only be estimated at a slower convergence rate. It seems straightforward to estimate the unrestricted model for each cross sectional unit to obtain the individual trend function estimates  $\hat{f}_i(\tau)$  and propose an  $L_2$ -distance-based test by averaging the squared  $L_2$ -distance between  $\hat{f}_i(\tau)$  and  $\hat{f}_j(\tau)$  for all  $i \neq j$ . It is also possible to test for the homogeneity of the slope coefficients and trend components jointly. Second, to derive the distribution theory of our test statistic, we allow for cross sectional dependence but rule out serial dependence. It is possible to allow the presence of both as in Bai (2009) by imposing some high-level assumptions. Nevertheless, the asymptotic variance of the non-normalized version of the test statistic will become complicated and there seems no obvious way to estimate it consistently in order to implement our test in practice.

## APPENDIX

### A Proof of Theorem 3.1

Noting that

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma_{nT} &= \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(ESS_i - \varepsilon_i' Q \varepsilon_i)}{\sigma_i^2} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (ESS_i - \varepsilon_i' Q \varepsilon_i) \left( \frac{1}{TSS_i/T} - \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} \right) \\ &\equiv \Gamma_{nT,1} + \Gamma_{nT,2}, \text{ say,}\end{aligned}$$

we complete the proof by showing that (i)  $\Gamma_{nT,1} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \Omega_0)$ , and (ii)  $\Gamma_{nT,2} = o_P(1)$ . These results are established in Propositions A.1 and A.3, respectively.

**Proposition A.1**  $\Gamma_{nT,1} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \Omega_0)$ .

**Proof.** Decompose

$$\Gamma_{nT,1} = \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\hat{u}_i'(\bar{H} - L)\hat{u}_i}{\sigma_i^2} - \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\varepsilon_i' Q \varepsilon_i}{\sigma_i^2} \equiv \Gamma_{nT,11} - \Gamma_{nT,12}. \quad (\text{A.1})$$

Let  $X_i^* \equiv X_i - S_T X$  and  $\varepsilon_i^* \equiv \varepsilon_i - S_T \varepsilon$ . Define

$$\bar{\mathbf{f}} \equiv (\bar{f}(1/T), \dots, \bar{f}(T/T))' \text{ and } \bar{\mathbf{f}}^* \equiv \bar{\mathbf{f}} - S_T \mathbf{F}, \quad (\text{A.2})$$

where  $\bar{f}(\tau) \equiv n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(\tau)$ . Noting that

$$\hat{u}_i = \varepsilon_i^* - X_i^*(\hat{\beta} - \beta) + \bar{\mathbf{f}}^* + (\mathbf{f}_i - \bar{\mathbf{f}}) + \alpha_i i_T \quad (\text{A.3})$$

and  $M i_T = 0$ , we have

$$\Gamma_{nT,11} = \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\hat{u}_i'(\bar{H} - L)\hat{u}_i}{\sigma_i^2} = \sum_{l=1}^{10} D_{nTl} \quad (\text{A.4})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}D_{nT1} &\equiv \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i^{*'} (\bar{H} - L) \varepsilon_i^* / \sigma_i^2, & D_{nT2} &\equiv \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{f}_i - \bar{\mathbf{f}})' (\bar{H} - L) (\mathbf{f}_i - \bar{\mathbf{f}}) / \sigma_i^2, \\ D_{nT3} &\equiv \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\beta} - \beta)' X_i^{*'} (\bar{H} - L) X_i^* (\hat{\beta} - \beta) / \sigma_i^2, & D_{nT4} &\equiv \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{\mathbf{f}}^{*'} (\bar{H} - L) \bar{\mathbf{f}}^* / \sigma_i^2, \\ D_{nT5} &\equiv -2 \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i^{*'} (\bar{H} - L) X_i^* (\hat{\beta} - \beta) / \sigma_i^2, & D_{nT6} &\equiv 2 \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i^{*'} (\bar{H} - L) \bar{\mathbf{f}}^* / \sigma_i^2, \\ D_{nT7} &\equiv -2 \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\beta} - \beta)' X_i^{*'} (\bar{H} - L) \bar{\mathbf{f}}^* / \sigma_i^2, & D_{nT8} &\equiv 2 \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i^{*'} (\bar{H} - L) (\mathbf{f}_i - \bar{\mathbf{f}}) / \sigma_i^2, \\ D_{nT9} &\equiv -2 \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\beta} - \beta)' X_i^{*'} (\bar{H} - L) (\mathbf{f}_i - \bar{\mathbf{f}}) / \sigma_i^2, & D_{nT10} &\equiv 2 \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{\mathbf{f}}^{*'} (\bar{H} - L) (\mathbf{f}_i - \bar{\mathbf{f}}) / \sigma_i^2.\end{aligned}$$

Under  $H_0$ ,  $D_{nTs} = 0$  for  $s = 2, 8, 9, 10$ . We complete the proof of the proposition by showing that:

$$D_{nT1} \equiv D_{nT1} - \Gamma_{nT,12} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \Omega_0), \text{ and} \quad (\text{A.5})$$

$$D_{nTs} = o_P(1), \quad s = 3, \dots, 7. \quad (\text{A.6})$$

**Step 1.** We first prove (A.5). Noting that  $\varepsilon_i^* \equiv \varepsilon_i - S_T \varepsilon$ , we can decompose  $\mathcal{D}_{nT1}$  as:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_{nT1} &= \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\varepsilon_i^{*'} (\bar{H} - L) \varepsilon_i^*}{\sigma_i^2} - \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\varepsilon_i' Q \varepsilon_i}{\sigma_i^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\varepsilon_i' (\bar{H} - L - Q) \varepsilon_i}{\sigma_i^2} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \varepsilon' S_T' (\bar{H} - L) S_T \varepsilon \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} - 2 \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\varepsilon_i' (\bar{H} - L) S_T \varepsilon}{\sigma_i^2} \\ &\equiv \mathcal{D}_{nT11} + \mathcal{D}_{nT12} - 2\mathcal{D}_{nT13}. \end{aligned}$$

We prove (A.5) by showing that  $\mathcal{D}_{nT11} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \Omega_0)$  and  $\mathcal{D}_{nT1s} = o_P(1)$  for  $s = 2, 3$ . The former claim follows from Lemma A.2 below. We now prove the latter claim. Let  $\bar{\mathcal{D}}_{nT12} \equiv \sqrt{nb} \varepsilon' S_T' (\bar{H} - L) S_T \varepsilon$ . By Lemmas E.2(ii) and E.5, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mathcal{D}}_{nT12} &= \sqrt{nb} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^T (e_1' S(t/T) \varepsilon) (\bar{H}_{ts} - T^{-1}) (e_1' S(s/T) \varepsilon) \\ &\leq \sqrt{nb} \max_{1 \leq t \leq T} |e_1' S(t/T) \varepsilon|^2 \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^T |\bar{H}_{ts} - T^{-1}| \\ &= \sqrt{nb} O_P\left(\frac{\log(nT)}{nTh}\right) O(T) = O_P\left(\frac{\log(nT)}{\sqrt{nb^{-1}h^2}}\right) = o_P(1). \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\mathcal{D}_{nT12} = o_P(1)$  by Assumption A2(iii).

For  $\mathcal{D}_{nT13}$ , we have  $\mathcal{D}_{nT13} = n^{-1/2} b^{1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i' (\bar{H} - L) S_T \varepsilon / \sigma_i^2 = \mathcal{D}_{nT131} + \mathcal{D}_{nT132}$ , where

$$\mathcal{D}_{nT131} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T a_{tt} \varepsilon_{it} e_1' S(t/T) \varepsilon \sigma_i^{-2}, \quad \mathcal{D}_{nT132} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{1 \leq s \neq t \leq T} a_{ts} \varepsilon_{it} e_1' S(s/T) \varepsilon \sigma_i^{-2},$$

and  $a_{ts} \equiv \bar{H}_{ts} - T^{-1}$ . For  $\mathcal{D}_{nT131}$ , write

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_{nT131} &= \frac{b^{1/2}}{n^{3/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T a_{tt} \varepsilon_{it} e_1' S(t/T) \varepsilon_j \sigma_i^{-2} = \frac{b^{1/2}}{T n^{3/2}} \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} \sum_{1 \leq t, s \leq T} a_{tt} c_{ts} k_{h,ts} \varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon_{js} \sigma_i^{-2} \\ &= \frac{b^{1/2}}{T n^{3/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T a_{tt} c_{tt} k_{h,tt} \varepsilon_{it}^2 \sigma_i^{-2} + \frac{b^{1/2}}{T n^{3/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{1 \leq t < s \leq T} (a_{tt} c_{ts} + a_{ss} c_{st}) k_{h,ts} \varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon_{is} \sigma_i^{-2} \\ &\quad + \frac{b^{1/2}}{T n^{3/2}} \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} \sum_{t=1}^T a_{tt} c_{tt} k_{h,tt} \varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon_{jt} \sigma_i^{-2} + \frac{b^{1/2}}{T n^{3/2}} \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} \sum_{1 \leq t < s \leq T} (a_{tt} c_{ts} + a_{ss} c_{st}) k_{h,ts} \varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon_{js} \sigma_i^{-2} \\ &\equiv \mathcal{D}_{nT131a} + \mathcal{D}_{nT131b} + \mathcal{D}_{nT131c} + \mathcal{D}_{nT131d}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $c_{ts} \equiv e_1' [T^{-1} z_h^{[p]}(t/T)' K_h(t/T) z_h^{[p]}(t/T)]^{-1} z_{h,s}^{[p]}(t/T)$ . By Lemmas E.2 and E.4(iii) and Assumption A5, we have

$$E |\mathcal{D}_{nT131a}| \leq \frac{k(0) b^{1/2}}{n^{1/2} h} \max_{1 \leq t \leq n} |a_{tt}| \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T |c_{tt}| \right) = n^{-1/2} b^{1/2} h^{-1} O(T^{-1} b^{-1}) O(1) = o(1).$$

So  $\mathcal{D}_{nT131a} = o_P(1)$  by the Markov inequality. For  $\mathcal{D}_{nT131b}$ , we have by Lemmas E.2 and E.4(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
E(\mathcal{D}_{nT131b}^2) &= \frac{b}{T^2 n^3} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{1 \leq t_1 < t_2 \leq T} \sum_{1 \leq t_3 < t_4 \leq T} e_{t_1 t_2} k_{h, t_1 t_2} e_{t_3 t_4} k_{h, t_3 t_4} E(\varepsilon_{it_1} \varepsilon_{it_2} \varepsilon_{jt_3} \varepsilon_{jt_4}) \sigma_i^{-2} \sigma_j^{-2} \\
&= \frac{b}{T^2 n^3} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{1 \leq t_1 < t_2 \leq T} (e_{t_1 t_2} k_{h, t_1 t_2})^2 E(\varepsilon_{it_1} \varepsilon_{it_2} \varepsilon_{jt_1} \varepsilon_{jt_2}) \sigma_i^{-2} \sigma_j^{-2} \\
&\leq \frac{2b}{T^2 n^3} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{1 \leq t_1 < t_2 \leq T} (a_{t_1 t_1}^2 c_{t_1 t_2}^2 + a_{t_2 t_2}^2 c_{t_2 t_1}^2) k_{h, t_1 t_2}^2 |E(\varepsilon_{it_1} \varepsilon_{it_2} \varepsilon_{jt_1} \varepsilon_{jt_2})| \sigma_i^{-2} \sigma_j^{-2} \\
&\leq \frac{2b}{T^2 n^2} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \rho_{ij}^2 \right) \sum_{1 \leq t_1 < t_2 \leq T} (a_{t_1 t_1}^2 c_{t_1 t_2}^2 + a_{t_2 t_2}^2 c_{t_2 t_1}^2) k_{h, t_1 t_2}^2 \\
&\leq \frac{2b}{n^2 h} \left( \max_{1 \leq t \leq T} a_{tt}^2 \right) \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \rho_{ij}^2 \right) \left( \frac{h}{T^2} \sum_{1 \leq t_1 \neq t_2 \leq T} c_{t_1 t_2}^2 k_{h, t_1 t_2}^2 \right) \\
&= \frac{2b}{n^2 h} O(T^{-2} b^{-2}) O(1) = O(n^{-2} T^{-2} b^{-1} h^{-1}) = o(1),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $e_{ts} \equiv a_{tt} c_{ts} + a_{ss} c_{st}$ ,  $\rho_{ij} \equiv \omega_{ij} \sigma_i^{-1} \sigma_j^{-1}$ , and the second equality follows from the fact that  $E(\varepsilon_{it_1} \varepsilon_{it_2} \varepsilon_{jt_1} \varepsilon_{jt_3}) = 0$  and  $E(\varepsilon_{it_1} \varepsilon_{it_2} \varepsilon_{jt_3} \varepsilon_{jt_4}) = 0$  when  $t_1, t_2, t_3$ , and  $t_4$  are all distinct by Assumptions A2(ii)-(iii). It follows that  $\mathcal{D}_{nT131b} = o_P(1)$  by the Chebyshev inequality. For  $\mathcal{D}_{nT131c}$ , we have by Lemma E.2 and Assumptions A2 and A5

$$\begin{aligned}
E[\mathcal{D}_{nT131c}^2] &= \frac{b}{T^2 n^3} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 \neq i_2 \leq n} \sum_{1 \leq i_3 \neq i_4 \leq n} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^T a_{tt} c_{tt} k_{h, tt} a_{ss} c_{ss} k_{h, ss} E(\varepsilon_{i_1 t} \varepsilon_{i_2 t} \varepsilon_{i_3 s} \varepsilon_{i_4 s}) \sigma_{i_1}^{-2} \sigma_{i_3}^{-2} \\
&= \frac{b k^2(0)}{T^2 n^3 h^2} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 \neq i_2 \leq n} \sum_{1 \leq i_3 \neq i_4 \leq n} \sum_{1 \leq t \neq s \leq T} a_{tt} c_{tt} a_{ss} c_{ss} \omega_{i_1 i_2} \omega_{i_3 i_4} \sigma_{i_1}^{-2} \sigma_{i_3}^{-2} \\
&\quad + \frac{b k^2(0)}{T^2 n^3 h^2} \sum_{t=1}^T \left[ a_{tt}^2 c_{tt}^2 \sum_{1 \leq i_1 \neq i_2 \leq n} \sum_{1 \leq i_3 \neq i_4 \leq n} E(\varepsilon_{i_1 t} \varepsilon_{i_2 t} \varepsilon_{i_3 t} \varepsilon_{i_4 t}) \sigma_{i_1}^{-2} \sigma_{i_3}^{-2} \right] \\
&\leq \frac{b}{n h^2} \left( \max_{1 \leq t \leq T} a_{tt}^2 \right) \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 \neq i_2 \leq n} \omega_{i_1 i_2} \sigma_{i_1}^{-2} \right)^2 \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T |c_{tt}| \right)^2 \\
&\quad + \frac{b}{T n h^2} \left( \max_{1 \leq t \leq T} a_{tt}^2 \right) \left| \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 \neq i_2 \leq n} \sum_{1 \leq i_3 \neq i_4 \leq n} E(\varepsilon_{i_1 t} \varepsilon_{i_2 t} \varepsilon_{i_3 t} \varepsilon_{i_4 t}) \sigma_{i_1}^{-2} \sigma_{i_3}^{-2} \right| \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T c_{tt}^2 \right) \\
&= \frac{b}{n h^2} O(T^{-2} b^{-2}) O(1) O(1) + \frac{b}{T n h^2} O(T^{-2} b^{-2}) O(1) O(1) \\
&= O(n^{-1} T^{-2} h^{-2} b^{-1} + n^{-1} T^{-3} b^{-1} h^{-2}) = o(1).
\end{aligned}$$



It follows that  $\mathcal{D}_{nT131c} = o_P(1)$  by the Chebyshev inequality. Similarly,  $\mathcal{D}_{nT131d} = o_P(1)$  because

$$\begin{aligned}
E(\mathcal{D}_{nT131d})^2 &= \frac{4b}{T^2 n^3} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 \neq i_2 \leq n} \sum_{1 \leq i_3 \neq i_4 \leq n} \sum_{1 \leq t_1 < t_2 \leq T} a_{t_1 t_1}^2 c_{t_1 t_2}^2 k_{h, t_1 t_2}^2 E(\varepsilon_{i_1 t_1} \varepsilon_{i_2 t_2} \varepsilon_{i_3 t_1} \varepsilon_{i_4 t_2}) \sigma_{i_1}^{-2} \sigma_{i_3}^{-2} \\
&= \frac{4b}{T^2 n^3} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 \neq i_2 \leq n} \sum_{1 \leq i_3 \neq i_4 \leq n} \sum_{1 \leq t_1 < t_2 \leq T} a_{t_1 t_1}^2 c_{t_1 t_2}^2 k_{h, t_1 t_2}^2 \omega_{i_1 i_3} \omega_{i_2 i_4} \sigma_{i_1}^{-2} \sigma_{i_3}^{-2} \\
&\leq \frac{4\bar{c}^{-2}b}{nh} \left( \max_{1 \leq t \leq T} a_{tt}^2 \right) \left( \frac{h}{T^2} \sum_{1 \leq t_1 < t_2 \leq T} c_{t_1 t_2}^2 k_{h, t_1 t_2}^2 \right) \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{1 \leq i_1, i_2 \leq n} |\omega_{i_1 i_2}| \right)^2 \\
&= \frac{b}{nh} O(T^{-2} b^{-2}) O(1) O(1) = O(n^{-1} T^{-2} h^{-1} b^{-1}) = o(1).
\end{aligned}$$

In sum, we have shown that  $\mathcal{D}_{nT131} = o_P(1)$ .

For  $\mathcal{D}_{nT132}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{D}_{nT132} &= \frac{b^{1/2}}{n^{3/2}} \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} \sum_{1 \leq s \neq t \leq T} a_{ts} \varepsilon_{it} c_1' s(s/T) \varepsilon_j \sigma_i^{-2} = \frac{b^{1/2}}{T n^{3/2}} \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} \sum_{1 \leq s \neq t \leq T} \sum_{r=1}^T a_{ts} c_{sr} k_{h, sr} \varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon_{jr} \sigma_i^{-2} \\
&= \frac{b^{1/2}}{T n^{3/2}} \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} \sum_{1 \leq s \neq t \neq r \leq T} a_{ts} c_{sr} k_{h, sr} \varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon_{jr} \sigma_i^{-2} + o_P(1) \\
&\equiv \mathcal{D}_{nT132a} + o_P(1).
\end{aligned}$$

Following the same arguments as used in the proof of  $\mathcal{D}_{nT131a} = o_P(1)$ , we can show that  $E(\mathcal{D}_{nT132a})^2 = o(1)$ . It follows that  $\mathcal{D}_{nT132a} = o_P(1)$  and  $\mathcal{D}_{nT132} = o_P(1)$ .

**Step 2.** We now prove (A.6). For  $D_{nT3}$ , by Assumption A2(iii), and Lemmas E.3, E.6(i) and E.7, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|D_{nT3}| &\leq \bar{c}^{-1} n^{-1/2} b^{1/2} \|\bar{H} - L\| \left\| \hat{\beta} - \beta \right\|^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \|X_i - S_T X\|^2 \\
&= \bar{c}^{-1} n^{-1/2} \left( b^{1/2} \|\bar{H} - L\| \right) \left\| \hat{\beta} - \beta \right\|^2 \|X - S_{nT} X\|^2 \\
&= n^{-1/2} O(1) O_P(n^{-1} T^{-1}) O_P(nT) = O_P(n^{-1/2}) = o_P(1).
\end{aligned}$$

For  $D_{nT4}$ , noting that  $\max_{1 \leq t \leq T} |\bar{f}(t) - e_1' S(t/T) \mathbf{F}| = O(h^{p+1})$  by analysis analogous to CGL (2010), by Lemma E.3 and Assumption A5 we have

$$|D_{nT4}| \leq \bar{c}^{-1} n^{1/2} \left( b^{1/2} \|\bar{H} - L\| \right) \|\bar{\mathbf{f}}^*\|^2 = n^{1/2} O(1) O(Th^{2p+2}) = O(n^{1/2} Th^{2p+2}) = o(1).$$

Now decompose  $D_{nT5}$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
D_{nT5} &= -2 \left[ \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i' (\bar{H} - L) X_i^* \sigma_i^{-2} - \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (S_T \varepsilon)' (\bar{H} - L) X_i^* \sigma_i^{-2} \right] (\hat{\beta} - \beta) \\
&\equiv -2(D_{nT51} - D_{nT52}) (\hat{\beta} - \beta), \text{ say.}
\end{aligned}$$

Noting that  $D_{nT51} = \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} \varepsilon'_i (\bar{H} - L) (X_i - S_T X) = \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^T \sigma_i^{-2} \varepsilon_{it} a_{ts} [X_{is} - e'_1 S(s/T) X]$ , by Assumption A2, the Cauchy inequality, and Lemma E.3(ii),

$$\begin{aligned} E \|D_{nT51}\|^2 &= \frac{b}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^T \sum_{r=1}^T a_{ts} a_{tr} E \{ \text{tr}[(X_{is} - e'_1 S(s/T) X)(X_{jr} - e'_1 S(r/T) X)'] \} \omega_{ij} \sigma_i^{-2} \sigma_j^{-2} \\ &\leq Tb \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \max_{1 \leq s \leq T} \left( E \|X_{is} - e'_1 S(s/T) X\|^2 \right) \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n |\rho_{ij}| \right) \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^T \sum_{r=1}^T |a_{ts} a_{tr}| \right) \\ &= Tb O(1) O(1) O(1) = O(Tb). \end{aligned}$$

For  $D_{nT52}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|D_{nT52}\|^2 &= \frac{b}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \text{tr}[(\bar{H} - L) X_i^* X_j^{*'} (\bar{H} - L) S_T \varepsilon \varepsilon' S_T'] \sigma_i^{-2} \sigma_j^{-2} \\ &= \frac{b}{n} \text{tr} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n X_i^* X_j^{*'} \sigma_i^{-2} \sigma_j^{-2} \right) (\bar{H} - L) S_T \varepsilon \varepsilon' S_T' (\bar{H} - L) \right] \\ &\leq \frac{c^{-2}}{n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \|X_i^*\| \right)^2 (b \|\bar{H} - L\|^2) \|S_T \varepsilon\|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{n} O_P(Tn^2) O(1) O_P(1/(nh)) = O(T/h). \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $D_{nT5} = O_P(T^{1/2} b^{1/2} + T^{1/2} h^{-1/2}) O_P((nT)^{-1/2}) = O_P(n^{-1/2} (b^{1/2} + h^{-1/2})) = o_P(1)$ .

For  $D_{nT6}$ , we write

$$\begin{aligned} D_{nT6} &= 2\sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} \varepsilon'_i (\bar{H} - L) (\bar{\mathbf{f}} - S_T \bar{\mathbf{F}}) - 2\sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} (S_T \varepsilon)' (\bar{H} - L) (\bar{\mathbf{f}} - S_T \bar{\mathbf{F}}) \\ &\equiv 2D_{nT61} - 2D_{nT62}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{\mathbf{F}} \equiv i_n \otimes \bar{\mathbf{f}} = i_n \otimes \mathbf{f}$  under  $H_0$ . Noting that  $D_{nT61} = n^{-1/2} b^{1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^T \sigma_i^{-2} \varepsilon_{it} a_{ts} [\bar{f}(s/T) - e'_1 S(s/T) \bar{\mathbf{F}}]$ , by Assumptions A2 and A5 and Lemma E.3(ii), we have

$$\begin{aligned} E(D_{nT61}^2) &= \frac{b}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^T \sum_{r=1}^T \omega_{ij} a_{ts} a_{tr} [\bar{f}(s/T) - e'_1 S(s/T) \bar{\mathbf{F}}] [\bar{f}(r/T) - e'_1 S(r/T) \bar{\mathbf{F}}] \sigma_i^{-2} \sigma_j^{-2} \\ &\leq c^{-2} Tb \max_{1 \leq s \leq T} \left| \bar{f}\left(\frac{s}{T}\right) - e'_1 S\left(\frac{s}{T}\right) \bar{\mathbf{F}} \right|^2 \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n |\omega_{ij}| \right) \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^T \sum_{r=1}^T |a_{ts} a_{tr}| \right) \\ &= Tb O(h^{2p+2}) O(1) O(1) = O(Tbh^{2p+2}) = o(1). \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $D_{nT61} = o_P(1)$  by the Chebyshev inequality. For  $D_{nT62}$ , we can follow the proof of  $D_{nT52}$  and show that  $D_{nT62} = o_P(1)$ . Consequently,  $D_{nT6} = o_P(1)$ . Now write  $D_{nT7} \equiv -2\sqrt{b/n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} (\hat{\beta} - \beta)' X_i^{*'} \bar{H} \bar{\mathbf{F}}^* + 2(b/n)^{1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} (\hat{\beta} - \beta)' X_i^{*'} L \bar{\mathbf{F}}^* \equiv -2D_{nT71} + 2D_{nT72}$ . By the Cauchy-Schwarz

inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} D_{nT71} &\leq \left( \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \|\hat{\beta} - \beta\|^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-4} \|X_i^{*'} \bar{H} X_i^*\| \right)^{1/2} \left( \sqrt{nb} \bar{\mathbf{f}}^{*'} \bar{H} \bar{\mathbf{f}}^* \right)^{1/2} \\ &= \left[ O_P(n^{-1/2}) O(Tn^{1/2} h^{2(p+1)}) \right]^{1/2} = O_P(T^{1/2} h^{p+1}) = o_P(1). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have  $D_{nT72} = o_P(1)$ . Thus  $D_{nT7} = o_P(1)$ . ■

**Lemma A.2**  $\mathcal{D}_{nT11} = \frac{b^{1/2}}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i' (\bar{H} - L - Q) \varepsilon_i / \sigma_i^2 \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \Omega_0)$ .

**Proof.** Write  $\mathcal{D}_{nT11} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=2}^T Z_{nT,t}$ , where  $Z_{nT,t} \equiv \frac{2b^{1/2}}{\sqrt{nT}} \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_{ts} \sigma_i^{-2} \varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon_{is}$  and  $\alpha_{ts} \equiv T\bar{H}_{ts} - 1 = Ta_{ts}$ . Noting that  $\{Z_{nT,t}, \mathcal{F}_{n,t}(\varepsilon)\}$  is an m.d.s., we prove the lemma by applying the martingale CLT. By Corollary 5.26 of White (2001) it suffices to show that: (i)  $E(Z_{nT,t}^4) < C$  for all  $t$  and  $(n, T)$  for some  $C < \infty$ , and (ii)  $T^{-1} \sum_{t=2}^T Z_{nT,t}^2 - \Omega_0 = o_P(1)$ .

We first prove (i). For  $2 \leq t \leq T$ , decompose

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{nT,t}^2 &= \frac{4b}{nT} \sum_{s_1=1}^{t-1} \sum_{s_2=1}^{t-1} \sum_{i_1=1}^n \sum_{i_2=1}^n \alpha_{ts_1} \alpha_{ts_2} \sigma_{i_1}^{-2} \sigma_{i_2}^{-2} \varepsilon_{i_1 t} \varepsilon_{i_1 s_1} \varepsilon_{i_2 t} \varepsilon_{i_2 s_2} \\ &= \frac{4b}{nT} \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \sum_{i_1=1}^n \sum_{i_2=1}^n \alpha_{ts}^2 \sigma_{i_1}^{-2} \sigma_{i_2}^{-2} \varepsilon_{i_1 t} \varepsilon_{i_1 s} \varepsilon_{i_2 t} \varepsilon_{i_2 s} \\ &\quad + \frac{4b}{nT} \sum_{1 \leq s_1 < s_2 \leq t-1} \sum_{i_1=1}^n \sum_{i_2=1}^n \alpha_{ts_1} \alpha_{ts_2} \sigma_{i_1}^{-2} \sigma_{i_2}^{-2} \varepsilon_{i_1 t} \varepsilon_{i_1 s_1} \varepsilon_{i_2 t} \varepsilon_{i_2 s_2} \\ &\quad + \frac{4b}{nT} \sum_{1 \leq s_2 < s_1 \leq t-1} \sum_{i_1=1}^n \sum_{i_2=1}^n \alpha_{ts_1} \alpha_{ts_2} \sigma_{i_1}^{-2} \sigma_{i_2}^{-2} \varepsilon_{i_1 t} \varepsilon_{i_1 s_1} \varepsilon_{i_2 t} \varepsilon_{i_2 s_2} \\ &\equiv z_{1t} + z_{2t} + z_{3t}, \text{ say.} \end{aligned} \tag{A.7}$$

Then  $E(Z_{nT,t}^4) = E(z_{1t} + z_{2t} + z_{3t})^2 \leq 3\{E(z_{1t}^2) + E(z_{2t}^2) + E(z_{3t}^2)\} \equiv 3\{Z_{1t} + Z_{2t} + Z_{3t}\}$ , say.

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{1t} &= \frac{16b^2}{n^2 T^2} \sum_{s_1=1}^{t-1} \sum_{i_1=1}^n \sum_{i_2=1}^n \sum_{s_2=1}^{t-1} \sum_{i_3=1}^n \sum_{i_4=1}^n \alpha_{ts_1}^2 \alpha_{ts_2}^2 \sigma_{i_1}^{-2} \sigma_{i_2}^{-2} \sigma_{i_3}^{-2} \sigma_{i_4}^{-2} E(\varepsilon_{i_1 t} \varepsilon_{i_2 t} \varepsilon_{i_3 t} \varepsilon_{i_4 t} \varepsilon_{i_1 s_1} \varepsilon_{i_2 s_1} \varepsilon_{i_3 s_2} \varepsilon_{i_4 s_2}) \\ &= \frac{16b^2}{n^2 T^2} \sum_{s_1=1}^{t-1} \sum_{i_1=1}^n \sum_{i_2=1}^n \sum_{s_2=1}^{t-1} \sum_{i_3=1}^n \sum_{i_4=1}^n \alpha_{ts_1}^2 \alpha_{ts_2}^2 \sigma_{i_1}^{-2} \sigma_{i_2}^{-2} \sigma_{i_3}^{-2} \sigma_{i_4}^{-2} \kappa_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} E(\varepsilon_{i_1 s_1} \varepsilon_{i_2 s_1} \varepsilon_{i_3 s_2} \varepsilon_{i_4 s_2}) \\ &= \frac{16b^2}{n^2 T^2} \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \sum_{i_1=1}^n \sum_{i_2=1}^n \sum_{i_3=1}^n \sum_{i_4=1}^n \alpha_{ts}^4 \sigma_{i_1}^{-2} \sigma_{i_2}^{-2} \sigma_{i_3}^{-2} \sigma_{i_4}^{-2} \kappa_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} \\ &\quad + \frac{16b^2}{n^2 T^2} \sum_{1 \leq s_1 \neq s_2 \leq t-1} \sum_{i_1=1}^n \sum_{i_2=1}^n \sum_{i_3=1}^n \sum_{i_4=1}^n \alpha_{ts_1}^2 \alpha_{ts_2}^2 \sigma_{i_1}^{-2} \sigma_{i_2}^{-2} \sigma_{i_3}^{-2} \sigma_{i_4}^{-2} \kappa_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} \omega_{i_1 i_2} \omega_{i_3 i_4} \\ &\leq \frac{Cb^2}{T^2} \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \alpha_{ts}^4 + C \left( \frac{b}{T} \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \alpha_{ts}^2 \right)^2 \leq \frac{C}{Tb} + C \leq 2C. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{Z}_{2t} &= \frac{16b^2}{n^2T^2} \sum_{1 \leq s_1 < s_2 \leq t-1} \sum_{1 \leq s_3 < s_4 \leq t-1} \sum_{i_1=1}^n \sum_{i_2=1}^n \sum_{i_3=1}^n \sum_{i_4=1}^n \alpha_{ts_1} \alpha_{ts_2} \alpha_{ts_3} \alpha_{ts_4} \sigma_{i_1}^{-2} \sigma_{i_2}^{-2} \sigma_{i_3}^{-2} \sigma_{i_4}^{-2} \\
&\quad \times E(\varepsilon_{i_1 t} \varepsilon_{i_2 t} \varepsilon_{i_3 t} \varepsilon_{i_4 t} \varepsilon_{i_1 s_1} \varepsilon_{i_2 s_2} \varepsilon_{i_3 s_3} \varepsilon_{i_4 s_4}) \\
&= \frac{16b^2}{n^2T^2} \sum_{1 \leq s_1 < s_2 \leq t-1} \sum_{i_1=1}^n \sum_{i_2=1}^n \sum_{i_3=1}^n \sum_{i_4=1}^n \alpha_{ts_1}^2 \alpha_{ts_2}^2 \sigma_{i_1}^{-2} \sigma_{i_2}^{-2} \sigma_{i_3}^{-2} \sigma_{i_4}^{-2} \kappa_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} \omega_{i_1 i_2} \omega_{i_3 i_4} \\
&\leq \frac{Cb^2}{T^2} \sum_{1 \leq s_1 < s_2 \leq t-1} \alpha_{ts_1}^2 \alpha_{ts_2}^2 \leq C,
\end{aligned}$$

where we have used the fact that  $T^{-1}b \sum_{s=1}^t \alpha_{ts}^2 \leq C$  uniformly in  $t$  and  $C$  may vary across lines. By the same token  $\mathcal{Z}_{3t} \leq C$  for all  $t$ . Consequently,  $E(Z_{nT,t}^4) < C$  for all  $t$  and some large enough constant  $C$ .

Now we prove (ii) by the Chebyshev inequality. First, by Assumption A2(ii)-(iii),

$$E\left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=2}^T Z_{nT,t}^2\right) = \frac{4b}{nT^2} \sum_{t=2}^T \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_{ts}^2 \sigma_i^{-2} \sigma_j^{-2} \omega_{ij}^2 = \frac{2b}{nT^2} \sum_{1 \leq t \neq s \leq T} \alpha_{ts}^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \rho_{ij}^2,$$

where  $\rho_{ij} = \omega_{ij}/(\sigma_i \sigma_j)$  by Assumption A2. Second, decompose

$$E\left[\left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=2}^T Z_{nT,t}^2\right)^2\right] = \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=2}^T E(Z_{nT,t}^4) + \frac{2}{T^2} \sum_{2 \leq t < s \leq T} E(Z_{nT,t}^2 Z_{nT,s}^2) \equiv \mathbb{Z}_{1nT} + \mathbb{Z}_{2nT}.$$

By the proof of (i),  $\mathbb{Z}_{1nT} = T^{-2} \sum_{t=2}^T E(Z_{nT,t}^4) = O(1/T) = o(1)$ . For  $\mathbb{Z}_{2nT}$ , by (A.7) we have  $\mathbb{Z}_{2nT} = 2T^{-2} \sum_{2 \leq t < s \leq T} E(z_{1t} z_{1s} + z_{1t} z_{2s} + z_{1t} z_{3s} + z_{2t} z_{1s} + z_{2t} z_{2s} + z_{2t} z_{3s} + z_{3t} z_{1s} + z_{3t} z_{2s} + z_{3t} z_{3s}) \equiv \sum_{j=1}^9 \mathbb{Z}_{2nTj}$ , say, where, e.g.,  $\mathbb{Z}_{2nT1} = 2T^{-2} \sum_{2 \leq t < s \leq T} E(z_{1t} z_{1s})$ . For  $\mathbb{Z}_{2nT1}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{Z}_{2nT1} &= \frac{32b^2}{n^2T^4} \sum_{2 \leq t_1 < t_2 \leq T} \sum_{s_1=1}^{t_1-1} \sum_{s_2=1}^{t_2-1} \sum_{i_1=1}^n \sum_{i_2=1}^n \sum_{i_3=1}^n \sum_{i_4=1}^n \alpha_{t_1 s_1}^2 \alpha_{t_2 s_2}^2 \sigma_{i_1}^{-2} \sigma_{i_2}^{-2} \sigma_{i_3}^{-2} \sigma_{i_4}^{-2} \\
&\quad \times \omega_{i_3 i_4} E(\varepsilon_{i_1 t_1} \varepsilon_{i_2 t_2} \varepsilon_{i_1 s_1} \varepsilon_{i_2 s_2} \varepsilon_{i_3 s_2} \varepsilon_{i_4 s_2}) \\
&= \frac{32b^2}{n^2T^4} \sum_{2 \leq t_1 < t_2 \leq T} \sum_{s_1=1}^{t_1-1} \sum_{s_2=1}^{t_2-1} \sum_{i_1=1}^n \sum_{i_2=1}^n \sum_{i_3=1}^n \sum_{i_4=1}^n \alpha_{t_1 s_1}^2 \alpha_{t_2 s_2}^2 \sigma_{i_1}^{-2} \sigma_{i_2}^{-2} \sigma_{i_3}^{-2} \sigma_{i_4}^{-2} \omega_{i_1 i_2}^2 \omega_{i_3 i_4}^2 + O(1/T) \\
&= \frac{16b^2}{n^2T^4} \sum_{t_1=1}^T \sum_{t_2=1}^T \sum_{s_1=1}^{t_1-1} \sum_{s_2=1}^{t_2-1} \sum_{i_1=1}^n \sum_{i_2=1}^n \sum_{i_3=1}^n \sum_{i_4=1}^n \alpha_{t_1 s_1}^2 \alpha_{t_2 s_2}^2 \rho_{i_1 i_2}^2 \rho_{i_3 i_4}^2 + O(1/T) \\
&= \left( \frac{2b}{nT^2} \sum_{1 \leq t \neq s \leq T} \alpha_{ts}^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \rho_{ij}^2 \right)^2 + O(1/T).
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, by Assumption A2 and Lemmas E.2 and E.3(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{Z}_{2nT2} &= \frac{32b^2}{n^2T^4} \sum_{2 \leq t_1 < t_2 \leq T} \sum_{s=1}^{t_1-1} \sum_{1 \leq s_1 < s_2 \leq t_2-1} \sum_{i_1=1}^n \sum_{i_2=1}^n \sum_{i_3=1}^n \sum_{i_4=1}^n \alpha_{t_1s}^2 \alpha_{t_2s_1} \alpha_{t_2s_2} \sigma_{i_1}^{-2} \sigma_{i_2}^{-2} \sigma_{i_3}^{-2} \sigma_{i_4}^{-2} \\
&\quad \times \varsigma_{i_2i_3i_4} E(\varepsilon_{i_1t_1} \varepsilon_{i_1s} \varepsilon_{i_2s} \varepsilon_{i_3s_1} \varepsilon_{i_4s_2}) \\
&= \frac{32b^2}{n^2T^4} \sum_{2 \leq t_1 < t_2 \leq T} \sum_{s=1}^{t_1-1} \sum_{i_1=1}^n \sum_{i_2=1}^n \sum_{i_3=1}^n \sum_{i_4=1}^n \alpha_{t_1s}^2 \alpha_{t_2s} \alpha_{t_2t_1} \sigma_{i_1}^{-2} \sigma_{i_2}^{-2} \sigma_{i_3}^{-2} \sigma_{i_4}^{-2} \varsigma_{i_2i_3i_4} \omega_{i_1i_4} \varsigma_{i_1i_2i_3} \\
&\leq C \left( b^2 \max_{1 \leq t \neq s \leq T} a_{ts}^2 \right) \left( \sum_{2 \leq t_1 < t_2 \leq T} \sum_{s=1}^{t_1-1} |a_{t_2s} a_{t_2t_1}| \right) \left( \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i_1=1}^n \sum_{i_2=1}^n \sum_{i_3=1}^n \sum_{i_4=1}^n |\varsigma_{i_2i_3i_4} \varsigma_{i_1i_2i_3}| \right) \\
&= O(T^{-2}) O(T) O(1) = o(1),
\end{aligned}$$

where recall  $\varsigma_{ijk} \equiv E(\varepsilon_{it} \varepsilon_{jt} \varepsilon_{kt})$ . Analogously we can show that  $\mathbb{Z}_{2nTl} = o(1)$  for  $l = 3, 4, \dots, 9$ . It follows that

$$E \left[ \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=2}^T Z_{nT,t}^2 \right)^2 \right] = \left( \frac{2b}{nT^2} \sum_{1 \leq t \neq s \leq T} \alpha_{ts}^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \rho_{ij}^2 \right)^2 + o(1),$$

and

$$\text{Var} \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=2}^T Z_{nT,t}^2 \right) = E \left[ \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=2}^T Z_{nT,t}^2 \right)^2 \right] - \left[ E \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=2}^T Z_{nT,t}^2 \right) \right]^2 = o(1).$$

Consequently,  $\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=2}^T Z_{nT,t}^2 - \frac{2b}{nT^2} \sum_{1 \leq t \neq s \leq T} \alpha_{ts}^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \rho_{ij}^2 = o_P(1)$  and (ii) follows by the definition of  $\Omega_0$ . ■

**Proposition A.3**  $\Gamma_{nT,2} = o_P(1)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\hat{\sigma}_i^2 \equiv TSS_i/T$ . By a geometric expansion,  $1/\hat{\sigma}_i^2 - 1/\sigma_i^2 = -(\hat{\sigma}_i^2 - \sigma_i^2)/\sigma_i^4 + (\hat{\sigma}_i^2 - \sigma_i^2)^2/(\sigma_i^4 \hat{\sigma}_i^2)$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
\Gamma_{nT,2} &= -\sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (ESS_i - \varepsilon_i' Q \varepsilon_i) \frac{\hat{\sigma}_i^2 - \sigma_i^2}{\sigma_i^4} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (ESS_i - \varepsilon_i' Q \varepsilon_i) \frac{(\hat{\sigma}_i^2 - \sigma_i^2)^2}{\sigma_i^4 \hat{\sigma}_i^2} \\
&\equiv -\Gamma_{nT,21} + \Gamma_{nT,22}, \text{ say.}
\end{aligned}$$

Noting that  $\hat{u}_i = \varepsilon_i^* - X_i^*(\hat{\beta} - \beta) + \bar{\mathbf{f}}^* + (\mathbf{f}_i - \bar{\mathbf{f}}) + \alpha_i i_T$  and  $M i_T = 0$  where  $\bar{\mathbf{f}}$  and  $\bar{\mathbf{f}}^*$  are defined in (A.2), we have

$$\hat{\sigma}_i^2 = TSS_i/T = \hat{u}_i' M \hat{u}_i / T = \sum_{l=1}^{10} TSS_{il} / T, \quad (\text{A.8})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
TSS_{i1} &\equiv \varepsilon_i^{*'} M \varepsilon_i^*, & TSS_{i2} &\equiv (\hat{\beta} - \beta)' X_i^{*'} M X_i^* (\hat{\beta} - \beta), & TSS_{i3} &\equiv \bar{\mathbf{f}}^{*'} M \bar{\mathbf{f}}^*, \\
TSS_{i4} &\equiv -2\varepsilon_i^{*'} M X_i^* (\hat{\beta} - \beta), & TSS_{i5} &\equiv 2\varepsilon_i^{*'} M \bar{\mathbf{f}}^*, & TSS_{i6} &\equiv -2\bar{\mathbf{f}}^{*'} M X_i^* (\hat{\beta} - \beta), \\
TSS_{i7} &\equiv 2\varepsilon_i^{*'} M (\mathbf{f}_i - \bar{\mathbf{f}}), & TSS_{i8} &\equiv (\mathbf{f}_i - \bar{\mathbf{f}})' M (\mathbf{f}_i - \bar{\mathbf{f}}), & TSS_{i9} &\equiv 2\bar{\mathbf{f}}^{*'} M (\mathbf{f}_i - \bar{\mathbf{f}}), \\
TSS_{i10} &\equiv -2(\hat{\beta} - \beta)' X_i^{*'} M (\mathbf{f}_i - \bar{\mathbf{f}}).
\end{aligned}$$

Under  $H_0$ , we have  $\mathbf{f}_i - \bar{\mathbf{f}} = 0$ . Thus  $TSS_{il} = 0$  for  $l = 7, \dots, 10$ . We want to show that

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |T^{-1}TSS_{i1} - \sigma_i^2| = O_P(v_{nT}), \text{ and } \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} T^{-1}TSS_{il} = o_P(v_{nT}) \text{ for } l = 2, \dots, 6, \quad (\text{A.9})$$

where  $v_{nT} \equiv n^{1/\lambda}T^{-1/2}$ .

For  $TSS_{i1}$ , we have

$$T^{-1}TSS_{i1} - \sigma_i^2 = (T^{-1}\varepsilon'_i M \varepsilon_i - \sigma_i^2) - 2T^{-1}\varepsilon'_i M S_T \varepsilon + T^{-1}(S_T \varepsilon)' M S_T \varepsilon. \quad (\text{A.10})$$

We first bound the last term in (A.10). By the idempotence of  $M$  and the Markov inequality,  $T^{-1}(S_T \varepsilon)' M S_T \varepsilon \leq T^{-1}\|S_T \varepsilon\|^2 = O_P(n^{-1}T^{-1}h^{-1})$ . For the first term in (A.10), we want to show that  $\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\varepsilon'_i M \varepsilon_i / T - \sigma_i^2| = O_P(v_{nT})$ . Write  $\varepsilon'_i M \varepsilon_i / T = T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (\varepsilon_{it} - \bar{\varepsilon}_i)^2 = T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \varepsilon_{it}^2 - \bar{\varepsilon}_i^2$ . Let  $\xi_{it} \equiv \varepsilon_{it}^2 - \sigma_i^2$ . Then by Assumption A2(iv) and the Chebyshev inequality, for any  $\epsilon > 0$

$$P\left(\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \xi_{it} \geq \epsilon v_{nT}\right) \leq \epsilon^{-\lambda} v_{nT}^{-\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^n E\left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \xi_{it}\right)^\lambda = O\left(nT^{-\lambda/2} v_{nT}^{-\lambda}\right) = O(1).$$

It follows that  $\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \varepsilon_{it}^2 - \sigma_i^2| = O_P(v_{nT})$ . Similarly,  $\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\bar{\varepsilon}_i| = O_P(v_{nT}^2) = o_P(v_{nT})$ . It follows that  $\varepsilon'_i M \varepsilon_i / T = \sigma_i^2 + O_P(v_{nT})$  uniformly in  $i$ . Then by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we can readily show that the second term in (A.10) is  $O_P(n^{-1/2}T^{-1/2}h^{-1/2}) = o_P(v_{nT})$ . Consequently, the first result in (A.9) follows and  $\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} T^{-1}TSS_{i1} = O_P(1)$ .

For  $TSS_{i2}$ , we have

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{T^{-1}TSS_{i2}\} \leq C \left\| \hat{\beta} - \beta \right\|^2 \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ T^{-1} \|X_i - S_T X\|^2 \right\} = O_P(n^{-1}T^{-1}) O_P(\sqrt{n/T} + 1),$$

where we use the fact that  $\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} T^{-1} \|X_i - S_T X\|^2 = O_P(\sqrt{n/T} + 1)$  under our moment conditions. For  $TSS_{i3}$ , noting that  $\|\bar{\mathbf{f}}^*\| = \|\bar{\mathbf{f}} - S_T \bar{\mathbf{F}}\| = O(T^{1/2}h^{p+1})$ , we have  $T^{-1}TSS_{i3} \leq T^{-1}\|\bar{\mathbf{f}} - S_T \bar{\mathbf{F}}\|^2 = O(h^{2p+2})$ . By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} T^{-1}|TSS_{i4}| &\leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} (T^{-1}TSS_{i1})^{1/2} (T^{-1}TSS_{i2})^{1/2} = O_P(n^{-1/4}T^{-3/4} + n^{-1/2}T^{-1/2}) = o_P(v_{nT}), \\ \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} T^{-1}|TSS_{i5}| &\leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} (T^{-1}TSS_{i1})^{1/2} (T^{-1}TSS_{i3})^{1/2} = O_P(h^{p+1}) = o_P(v_{nT}), \text{ and} \\ \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} T^{-1}|TSS_{i6}| &\leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} (T^{-1}TSS_{i2})^{1/2} (T^{-1}TSS_{i3})^{1/2} = o_P(v_{nT}). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, we have  $\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\hat{\sigma}_i^2 - \sigma_i^2| = O_P(v_{nT})$ . Then by Assumption A5

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{nT,22} &\leq \frac{\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\hat{\sigma}_i^2 - \sigma_i^2|^2}{\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sigma_i^4 \hat{\sigma}_i^2} \frac{b^{1/2}}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n |ESS_i - \varepsilon'_i Q \varepsilon_i| \\ &\leq \frac{\sqrt{n} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\hat{\sigma}_i^2 - \sigma_i^2|^2}{\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sigma_i^4 \hat{\sigma}_i^2} \left( \frac{b}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (ESS_i - \varepsilon'_i Q \varepsilon_i)^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ &= \sqrt{n} O_P(v_{nT}^2) O_P(1) = O_P(n^{1/2+2/\lambda} T^{-1}) = o(1), \end{aligned}$$

because one can easily show that  $\frac{b}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (ESS_i - \varepsilon'_i Q \varepsilon_i)^2 = O_P(1)$ .

For  $\Gamma_{nT,21}$ , we have  $\Gamma_{nT,21} = \sum_{l=1}^6 \Gamma_{nT,21l}$ , where

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma_{nT,211} &\equiv \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-4} (ESS_i - \varepsilon_i' Q \varepsilon_i) (T^{-1} TSS_{i1} - \sigma_i^2), \text{ and} \\ \Gamma_{nT,21l} &\equiv \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-4} (ESS_i - \varepsilon_i' Q \varepsilon_i) (T^{-1} TSS_{il}) \text{ for } l = 2, \dots, 6.\end{aligned}$$

Following the proof of Proposition A.1 and the above analysis for  $TSS_{il}$ , we can show that  $\Gamma_{nT,21l} = o_P(1)$  for  $l = 1, \dots, 6$ . ■

## B Proof of Corollary 3.2

Given Theorem 3.1, it suffices to show that: (i)  $\widehat{B}_{nT} = B_{nT} + o_P(1)$ , and (ii)  $\widehat{\Omega}_{nT} = \Omega_0 + o_P(1)$ . We first prove (i). By (A.3) and the fact that  $Mi_T = 0$ , we have

$$\widehat{u}_i' \bar{Q} \widehat{u}_i = \sum_{l=1}^{10} B_{nT,il}, \quad (\text{B.1})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}B_{nT,i1} &\equiv \varepsilon_i^{*'} \bar{Q} \varepsilon_i^*, & B_{nT,i2} &\equiv (\widehat{\beta} - \beta)' X_i^{*'} \bar{Q} X_i^* (\widehat{\beta} - \beta), & B_{nT,i3} &\equiv \bar{\mathbf{f}}^{*'} \bar{Q} \bar{\mathbf{f}}^*, \\ B_{nT,i4} &\equiv -2\varepsilon_i^{*'} \bar{Q} X_i^* (\widehat{\beta} - \beta), & B_{nT,i5} &\equiv 2\varepsilon_i^{*'} \bar{Q} \bar{\mathbf{f}}^*, & B_{nT,i6} &\equiv -2\bar{\mathbf{f}}^{*'} \bar{Q} X_i^* (\widehat{\beta} - \beta), \\ B_{nT,i7} &\equiv 2\bar{\mathbf{f}}^{*'} \bar{Q} (\mathbf{f}_i - \bar{\mathbf{f}}) & B_{nT,i8} &\equiv -2(\widehat{\beta} - \beta)' X_i^{*'} \bar{Q} (\mathbf{f}_i - \bar{\mathbf{f}}), & B_{nT,i9} &\equiv 2\varepsilon_i^{*'} \bar{Q} (\mathbf{f}_i - \bar{\mathbf{f}}), \\ B_{nT,i10} &\equiv (\mathbf{f}_i - \bar{\mathbf{f}})' \bar{Q} (\mathbf{f}_i - \bar{\mathbf{f}}),\end{aligned}$$

$\bar{Q} \equiv MQM$ , and  $\bar{\mathbf{f}}$  and  $\bar{\mathbf{f}}^*$  are defined in (A.2). Under  $H_0$ , we have  $\mathbf{f}_i - \bar{\mathbf{f}} = 0$ . Thus  $B_{nT,il} = 0$  for  $l = 7, \dots, 10$ . By (3.2) and (B.1), it suffices to show that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{B}_{nT,1} &\equiv \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \widehat{\sigma}_i^{-2} (B_{nT,i1} - B_{nT}) = \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \widehat{\sigma}_i^{-2} [\varepsilon_i^{*'} \bar{Q} \varepsilon_i^* - \varepsilon_i' Q \varepsilon_i] = o_P(1) \\ B_{nT,l} &\equiv n^{-1/2} b^{1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \widehat{\sigma}_i^{-2} B_{nT,il} = o_P(1) \text{ for } l = 2, \dots, 6.\end{aligned}$$

Recalling  $\varepsilon_i^* \equiv \varepsilon_i - S_T \varepsilon$ , we decompose  $\mathcal{B}_{nT,1}$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{B}_{nT,1} &= n^{-1/2} b^{1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \widehat{\sigma}_i^{-2} [(\varepsilon_i - S_T \varepsilon)' \bar{Q} (\varepsilon_i - S_T \varepsilon) - \varepsilon_i' Q \varepsilon_i] \\ &= n^{-1/2} b^{1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \widehat{\sigma}_i^{-2} [\varepsilon_i' \bar{Q} \varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_i' Q \varepsilon_i] - 2n^{-1/2} b^{1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \widehat{\sigma}_i^{-2} \varepsilon_i' \bar{Q} S_T \varepsilon \\ &\quad + n^{-1/2} b^{1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \widehat{\sigma}_i^{-2} (S_T \varepsilon)' \bar{Q} S_T \varepsilon \\ &\equiv \mathcal{B}_{nT,11} - 2\mathcal{B}_{nT,12} + \mathcal{B}_{nT,13}.\end{aligned}$$

Noting that  $\bar{Q} - Q = (I_T - L)Q(I_T - L) - Q = LQL - QL - LQ$  and both  $Q$  and  $L$  are symmetric, we have

$$\mathcal{B}_{nT,11} = n^{-1/2} b^{1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \widehat{\sigma}_i^{-2} \varepsilon_i' LQL \varepsilon_i - 2n^{-1/2} b^{1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \widehat{\sigma}_i^{-2} \varepsilon_i' QL \varepsilon_i \equiv \mathcal{B}_{nT,11a} - 2\mathcal{B}_{nT,11b}.$$

Following the proof of Proposition A.3, we can show that  $\mathcal{B}_{nT,11a} = B_{nT,11a} + o_P(1)$ , where  $B_{nT,11a} = n^{-1/2}b^{1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} \varepsilon_i' L Q L \varepsilon_i$ . Even though  $Q$  is not positive semidefinite (p.s.d.), it can be written as the difference between two p.s.d. matrices:  $Q = Q^* - T^{-1}I_T$ , where  $Q^* = \text{diag}(\bar{H}_{11}, \dots, \bar{H}_{TT})$ . So we can write  $B_{nT,11a} = n^{-1/2}b^{1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} \varepsilon_i' L Q^* L \varepsilon_i - n^{-1/2}T^{-1}b^{1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} \varepsilon_i' L \varepsilon_i = B_{nT,11a1} - B_{nT,11a2}$ . Noting that

$$\begin{aligned} E|B_{nT,11a1}| &= n^{-1/2}b^{1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} E(\varepsilon_i' L Q^* L \varepsilon_i) = T^{-2}n^{-1/2}b^{1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T i_T' Q^* i_T \\ &= O\left(T^{-1}n^{1/2}b^{1/2}\right) \text{tr}(Q^*) = O\left(T^{-1}n^{1/2}b^{1/2}\right) O(b^{-1}) = o(1), \end{aligned}$$

and similarly  $E|B_{nT,11a2}| = O(T^{-1}n^{1/2}b^{1/2}) = o(1)$ , we have  $\mathcal{B}_{nT,11a} = o_P(1)$  by the Markov inequality. Similarly,  $\mathcal{B}_{nT,11b} = o_P(1)$ . Consequently  $\mathcal{B}_{nT,11} = o_P(1)$ . Analogously, we can show that  $\mathcal{B}_{nT,1l} = o_P(1)$  for  $l = 2, 3$ . It follows that  $\mathcal{B}_{nT,1} = o_P(1)$ .

Using the fact that  $|\text{tr}(AB)| \leq \lambda_{\max}(A)\text{tr}(B)$  for any conformable p.s.d. matrix  $B$  and symmetric matrix  $A$  (see, e.g., Bernstein, 2005, p. 309) and that  $\lambda_{\max}(M) = 1$ , we can show that  $\|X_i^{*'} \bar{Q} X_i^*\|^2 = \text{tr}(M Q M X_i^* X_i^{*'} M Q M X_i^* X_i^{*'}) \leq \|X_i^{*'} Q X_i^*\|^2$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} B_{nT,2} &= n^{-1/2}b^{1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\sigma}_i^{-2} (\hat{\beta} - \beta) X_i^{*'} \bar{Q} X_i^* (\hat{\beta} - \beta) \\ &\leq n^{-1/2}b^{1/2} \|\hat{\beta} - \beta\|^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\sigma}_i^{-2} \|X_i^{*'} Q X_i^*\| \\ &= n^{-1/2}b^{1/2} O_P\left((nT)^{-1}\right) O_P(nb^{-1}) = O_P\left(n^{-1/2}T^{-1}b^{-1/2}\right) = o_P(1) \end{aligned}$$

where we use the fact that  $\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\sigma}_i^{-2} \|X_i^{*'} Q X_i^*\| = O_P(nb^{-1})$ . Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} B_{nT,3} &= n^{-1/2}b^{1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\sigma}_i^{-2} \bar{\mathbf{f}}^{*'} \bar{Q} \bar{\mathbf{f}}^* \leq n^{-1/2}b^{1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\sigma}_i^{-2} \|\bar{\mathbf{f}}^{*'} Q \bar{\mathbf{f}}^*\| \\ &= n^{-1/2}b^{1/2} \left\| \sum_{t=1}^T (\bar{H}_{tt} - T^{-1}) [\bar{f}(t/T) - e_1' S(t/T) \mathbf{F}] \right\|^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\sigma}_i^{-2} \\ &= n^{-1/2}b^{1/2} O_P(b^{-1}h^{2p+2}) O_P(n) = O_P(n^{1/2}h^{2p+2}b^{-1/2}) = o_P(1). \end{aligned}$$

By the repeated use of the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we can show that  $B_{nT,il} = o_P(1)$  for  $l = 4, 5$ , and 6.

To show (ii), it suffices to show that  $DV_{nT} \equiv n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (\hat{\rho}_{ij}^2 - \rho_{ij}^2) = o_P(1)$ . Noting that  $x^2 - y^2 = (x - y)^2 + 2(x - y)y$ , we can decompose  $DV_{nT}$  as follows

$$DV_{nT} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (\hat{\rho}_{ij} - \rho_{ij})^2 + \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (\hat{\rho}_{ij} - \rho_{ij}) \rho_{ij} \equiv DV_{nT1} + 2DV_{nT2}.$$

Following the argument in the proof of Proposition A.3, we can show that

$$\begin{aligned} DV_{nT1} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \frac{\hat{u}_i' M \hat{u}_j}{\hat{\sigma}_i \hat{\sigma}_j} - \frac{\omega_{ij}}{\sigma_i \sigma_j} \right)^2 = \overline{DV}_{nT1} + o_P(1), \text{ and} \\ DV_{nT2} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \frac{\hat{u}_i' M \hat{u}_j}{\hat{\sigma}_i \hat{\sigma}_j} - \frac{\omega_{ij}}{\sigma_i \sigma_j} \right) \rho_{ij} = \overline{DV}_{nT2} + o_P(1). \end{aligned}$$



where  $\overline{DV}_{nT1} \equiv n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} \sigma_j^{-2} (\hat{u}_i' M \hat{u}_j - \omega_{ij})^2$  and  $\overline{DV}_{nT2} \equiv n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \rho_{ij} \sigma_i^{-1} \sigma_j^{-1} (\hat{u}_i' M \hat{u}_j - \omega_{ij})$ .

By (A.3) and the fact that  $Mi_T = 0$ , we have that under  $H_0$ ,  $\hat{u}_i' M \hat{u}_j = \varepsilon_i^{*'} M \varepsilon_j^* + (\hat{\beta} - \beta)' X_i^{*'} M X_j^* (\hat{\beta} - \beta) + \bar{\mathbf{f}}^{*'} M \bar{\mathbf{f}}^* - (\varepsilon_i^{*'} M X_j^* + \varepsilon_j^{*'} M X_i^*) (\hat{\beta} - \beta) + (\varepsilon_i^* + \varepsilon_j^*)' M \bar{\mathbf{f}}^* - \bar{\mathbf{f}}^{*'} M (X_i^* + X_j^*) (\hat{\beta} - \beta) \equiv \sum_{l=1}^6 DV_{nT,ijl}$ . We can prove that  $\overline{DV}_{nT1} = o_P(1)$  by showing that

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{DV}_{nT1,1} &\equiv \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} \sigma_j^{-2} (DV_{nT,ij1} - \omega_{ij})^2 = o_P(1), \text{ and} \\ \overline{DV}_{nT1,l} &\equiv \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} \sigma_j^{-2} (DV_{nT,ijl})^2 = o_P(1) \text{ for } l = 2, \dots, 6. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we can prove  $\overline{DV}_{nT2} = o_P(1)$  by using the above decomposition for  $\hat{u}_i' M \hat{u}_j$ . The details are omitted for brevity.

## C Proof of Theorem 3.3

By (3.2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{\hat{\Omega}_{nT}} \bar{\Gamma}_{nT} &= \frac{b^{1/2}}{n^{1/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\sigma}_i^{-2} (ESS_i - \hat{u}_i' \bar{Q} \hat{u}_i) \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} (ESS_i - \varepsilon_i' Q \varepsilon_i) - \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (ESS_i - \varepsilon_i' Q \varepsilon_i) \left( \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_i^2} - \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} \right) \\ &\quad - \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} (\hat{u}_i' \bar{Q} \hat{u}_i - \varepsilon_i' Q \varepsilon_i) + \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{u}_i' \bar{Q} \hat{u}_i - \varepsilon_i' Q \varepsilon_i) \left( \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_i^2} - \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} \right) \\ &\equiv \Gamma_{nT,1} - \Gamma_{nT,2} - \Gamma_{nT,3} + \Gamma_{nT,4}, \text{ say,} \end{aligned} \tag{C.1}$$

where  $\Gamma_{nT,1}$  and  $\Gamma_{nT,2}$  are as defined in the proof of Theorem 3.1, and  $\hat{\sigma}_i^2 \equiv TSS_i/T$ . It is easy to show that  $\hat{\Omega}_{nT} = \Omega_0 + o_P(1)$  under  $H_1(\gamma_{nT})$  with  $\gamma_{nT} = n^{-1/4} T^{-1/2} b^{-1/4}$ . It suffices to show that: (i)  $\Gamma_{nT,1} \xrightarrow{d} N(\Theta_0, \Omega_0)$ , (ii)  $\Gamma_{nT,2} = o_P(1)$ , (iii)  $\Gamma_{nT,3} = o_P(1)$ , and (iv)  $\Gamma_{nT,4} = o_P(1)$ . We complete the proof by Propositions C.1-C.4 below.

**Proposition C.1**  $\Gamma_{nT,1} \xrightarrow{d} N(\Theta_0, \Omega_0)$  under  $H_1(\gamma_{nT})$ .

**Proof.** Decompose  $\Gamma_{nT,1} = \Gamma_{nT,11} - \Gamma_{nT,12}$  where  $\Gamma_{nT,11}$  and  $\Gamma_{nT,12}$  are defined in (A.1). Using the notation defined in the proof of Proposition A.1, it suffices to show: (i)  $\mathcal{D}_{nT1} \equiv D_{nT1} - \Gamma_{nT,12} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \Omega_0)$ , (ii)  $D_{nT2} = \Theta_0 + o_P(1)$ , and (iii)  $D_{nTs} = o_P(1)$  for  $s = 3, \dots, 10$ , where  $\Theta_0 = \lim_{(n,T) \rightarrow \infty} \Theta_{nT}$  and  $\Theta_{nT} \equiv n^{-1/2} b^{1/2} \gamma_{nT}^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} \Delta_{ni}' (\bar{H} - L) \Delta_{ni} = n^{-1} T^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} \Delta_{ni}' (\bar{H} - L) \Delta_{ni}$ . (i) follows the proof of Proposition A.1. We are left to prove (ii) and (iii).

For (ii), letting  $\omega_2$  and  $\mathbb{S}$  be as defined in the proof of Lemma E.2, by (E.1) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
D_{nT2} &= \gamma_{nT}^2 \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} \mathbf{\Delta}'_{ni} (\bar{H} - L) \mathbf{\Delta}_{ni} = \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^T (\bar{H}_{ts} - T^{-1}) \Delta_{ni} \left( \frac{t}{T} \right) \Delta_{ni} \left( \frac{s}{T} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{nT^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^T \left\{ \int_0^1 w_{b,t}(\tau) z_{b,t}^{[1]}(\tau)' \mathbb{S}^{-1} z_{b,s}^{[1]}(\tau) w_{b,s}(\tau) d\tau \right. \\
&\quad \times \left. \left[ \int_0^1 w_{b,t}(\tau) d\tau \int_0^1 w_{b,s}(\tau) d\tau \right]^{-1} - 1 \right\} \Delta_{ni} \left( \frac{t}{T} \right) \Delta_{ni} \left( \frac{s}{T} \right) + o(1) \\
&= \frac{1}{nT^2 b} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} \sum_{t=\lfloor Tb \rfloor + 1}^{\lfloor T(1-b) \rfloor - 1} \sum_{s=1}^T \left\{ \int_{-t/(Tb)}^{1/b-t/(Tb)} \left[ 1 + \omega_2^{-1} u \left( u - \frac{s-t}{Tb} \right) \right] w(u) w \left( u - \frac{s-t}{Tb} \right) du \right. \\
&\quad \times \left. \left[ \int_0^{1/b} w \left( z - \frac{t}{Tb} \right) dz \int_0^{1/b} w \left( \frac{s-t}{Tb} - \left( z' - \frac{t}{Tb} \right) \right) dz' \right]^{-1} - 1 \right\} \Delta_{ni} \left( \frac{t}{T} \right) \Delta_{ni} \left( \frac{s}{T} \right) + o(1) \\
&= \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} \sum_{t=\lfloor Tb \rfloor + 1}^{\lfloor T(1-b) \rfloor - 1} \int_{-t/(Tb)}^{(T-t)/(Tb)} \left\{ \int_{-1}^1 [1 + \omega_2^{-1} u(u-v)] w(u) w(u-v) du \right. \\
&\quad \times \left. \left[ \int_{-t/(Tb)}^{(T-t)/(Tb)} w(z) dz \int_{-t/(Tb)}^{(T-t)/(Tb)} w(z'-v) dz' \right]^{-1} - 1 \right\} \Delta_{ni} \left( \frac{t}{T} \right) \Delta_{ni} \left( \frac{t}{T} + vb \right) dv + o(1) \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} \int_0^1 \Delta_{ni}(\tau)^2 d\tau C_w + o(1),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $C_w \equiv \int_{-1}^1 \left\{ \int_{-1}^1 [1 + \omega_2^{-1} u(u-v)] w(u) w(u-v) du \left[ \int_{-1}^1 w(z-v) dz \right]^{-1} - 1 \right\} dv$ . That is,  $D_{nT2} = \Theta_{nT} = \Theta_0 + o(1)$ .

For (iii), following the proof of Proposition A.1, we can show that  $D_{nTl} = o_P(1)$  under  $H_1(\gamma_{nT})$  for  $l = 3, \dots, 7$ . It suffices to prove (iii) by showing that  $D_{nTl} = o_P(1)$  under  $H_1(\gamma_{nT})$  for  $l = 8, \dots, 10$ . For  $D_{nT8}$ , write

$$\begin{aligned}
D_{nT8} &\equiv 2\sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon'_i (\bar{H} - L) (\mathbf{f}_i - \bar{\mathbf{f}}) / \sigma_i^2 - 2\sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (S_T \varepsilon)' (\bar{H} - L) (\mathbf{f}_i - \bar{\mathbf{f}}) / \sigma_i^2 \\
&\equiv 2D_{nT8,1} - 2D_{nT8,2}.
\end{aligned}$$

It is easy to show that  $D_{nT8,1} = (b/n)^{1/2} O_P(\gamma_{nT}(n^{1/2}T^{-1/2}b^{-1} + n^{1/2}T^{1/2})) = O_P(n^{-1/4}T^{-1}b^{-3/4} + n^{-1/4}b^{1/4}) = o_P(1)$ , and  $D_{nT8,2} = O_P(n^{-1/4}b^{1/4}\sqrt{\log(nT)}) = o_P(1)$ . It follows that  $D_{nT8} = o_P(1)$ . By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality,  $D_{nTl} = o_P(1)$  for  $l = 9, 10$ . ■

**Proposition C.2**  $\Gamma_{nT,2} = o_P(1)$  under  $H_1(\gamma_{nT})$ .

**Proof.** Analogously to the proof of Proposition A.3, we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
\Gamma_{nT,2} &= -\sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (ESS_i - \varepsilon'_i Q \varepsilon_i) \frac{\hat{\sigma}_i^2 - \sigma_i^2}{\sigma_i^4} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (ESS_i - \varepsilon'_i Q \varepsilon_i) \frac{(\hat{\sigma}_i^2 - \sigma_i^2)^2}{\sigma_i^4 \hat{\sigma}_i^2} \\
&\equiv -\Gamma_{nT,21} + \Gamma_{nT,22}, \text{ say.}
\end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\hat{\sigma}_i^2 = \sum_{l=1}^{10} TSS_{il}/T$  by (A.8). First, we want to show that

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |T^{-1}TSS_{i1} - \sigma_i^2| = O_P(v_{nT}) \text{ and } \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} T^{-1}TSS_{il} = o_P(v_{nT}) \text{ for } l = 2, \dots, 10, \quad (\text{C.2})$$

where  $v_{nT} \equiv n^{1/\lambda}T^{-1/2}$ . By (A.9), it suffices to show that  $\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} T^{-1}TSS_{il} = o_P(v_{nT})$ , for  $l = 7, \dots, 10$ . In the sequel, we will frequently use the fact that  $\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sup_{\tau \in [0,1]} |f_i(\tau) - \bar{f}(\tau)| = O(\gamma_{nT})$  and  $\hat{\beta} - \beta = o_P(\gamma_{nT})$  under  $H_1(\gamma_{nT})$  by Lemma E.6(ii). Following the study of  $TSS_{i2}$  in Proposition A.3, we can show that  $\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} T^{-1}TSS_{i7} = o_P(v_{nT})$ . For  $TSS_{i8}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} T^{-1}TSS_{i8} &= T^{-1}\gamma_{nT}^2 \Delta'_{ni} M \Delta_{ni} \leq T^{-1}\gamma_{nT}^2 \|\Delta_{ni}\|^2 \\ &= n^{-1/2}T^{-2}b^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^T \Delta_{ni}^2 \left(\frac{t}{T}\right) = O\left(n^{-1/2}T^{-1}b^{-1/2}\right) = o(v_{nT}) \end{aligned}$$

uniformly in  $i$ . By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality,  $\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} T^{-1}TSS_{il} = o_P(v_{nT})$  for  $l = 9, 10$ . Consequently, we have  $\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\hat{\sigma}_i^2 - \sigma_i^2| = O_P(v_{nT})$ . By the proof of Proposition A.3,  $\frac{b}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (ESS_i - \varepsilon'_i Q \varepsilon_i)^2 = O_P(1)$ . It follows that

$$\Gamma_{nT,22} \leq \frac{n^{1/2} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\hat{\sigma}_i^2 - \sigma_i^2|^2}{\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sigma_i^4 \hat{\sigma}_i^2} \left[ \frac{b}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (ESS_i - \varepsilon'_i Q \varepsilon_i)^2 \right]^{1/2} = n^{1/2} O_P(v_{nT}^2) = o_P(1).$$

To analyze  $\Gamma_{nT,21}$ , using (A.8) we can write

$$\Gamma_{nT,21} = \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (ESS_i - \varepsilon'_i Q \varepsilon_i) \frac{\hat{\sigma}_i^2 - \sigma_i^2}{\sigma_i^4} = \sum_{l=1}^{10} \Gamma_{nT,21l},$$

where  $\Gamma_{nT,211} \equiv (b/n)^{1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-4} (ESS_i - \varepsilon'_i Q \varepsilon_i) (T^{-1}TSS_{i1} - \sigma_i^2)$ , and  $\Gamma_{nT,21l} \equiv (b/n)^{1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-4} (ESS_i - \varepsilon'_i Q \varepsilon_i) T^{-1}TSS_{il}$  for  $l = 2, \dots, 10$ . Following the proof of Proposition A.1 and the analysis for  $TSS_{il}$  in the proof of Corollary 3.2, we can show that  $\Gamma_{nT,21l} = o_P(1)$  for  $l = 1, \dots, 10$ . It follows that  $\Gamma_{nT,21} = o_P(1)$ . ■

**Proposition C.3**  $\Gamma_{nT,3} = o_P(1)$  under  $H_1(\gamma_{nT})$ .

**Proof.** By the proof of Corollary 3.2, we can write

$$\Gamma_{nT,3} = \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} (\hat{u}'_i \bar{Q} \hat{u}_i - \varepsilon'_i Q \varepsilon_i) = \sum_{l=1}^{10} \bar{B}_{nT,l}$$

where  $\bar{B}_{nT1} = (b/n)^{1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} (B_{nT,i1} - \varepsilon'_i Q \varepsilon_i)$ , and  $\bar{B}_{nTl} = (b/n)^{1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} B_{nT,il}$  for  $l = 2, \dots, 10$ . Following the argument in the proof of Corollary 3.2, we can readily show that  $\bar{B}_{nTl} = o_P(1)$  for  $l = 1, 2, \dots, 6$  as in the case when  $H_0$  holds. It remains to prove that  $\bar{B}_{nTl} = o_P(1)$  for  $l = 7, \dots, 10$  under  $H_1(\gamma_{nT})$ . Noting that  $\lambda_{\max}(M) = 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{B}_{nT10} &= \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} (\mathbf{f}_i - \bar{\mathbf{f}})' \bar{Q} (\mathbf{f}_i - \bar{\mathbf{f}}) \leq \frac{b^{1/2} \gamma_{nT}^2}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} \Delta'_{ni} Q \Delta_{ni} \\ &= n^{-1} T^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} \sum_{t=1}^T \Delta_{ni}^2 (t/T) (\bar{H}_{tt} - T^{-1}) = O(T^{-1}b^{-1}) = o(1). \end{aligned}$$

By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we have  $\bar{B}_{nT7} = o_P(1)$  and  $\bar{B}_{nT8} = o_P(1)$ . Decompose  $\bar{B}_{nT9} = 2n^{-1/2}b^{1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} \varepsilon_i' \bar{Q} \bar{\mathbf{f}}_i^* - 2n^{-1/2}b^{1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-2} (S_T \varepsilon)' \bar{Q} \bar{\mathbf{f}}_i^* \equiv 2\bar{B}_{nT9,1} - 2\bar{B}_{nT9,2}$ . By moments calculation and the Chebyshev inequality, we can show that  $\bar{B}_{nT9,1} = O_P(T^{1/2}h^{p+1}b^{1/2}) = o_P(1)$ , and  $\bar{B}_{nT9,2} = O_P(T^{1/2}h^{p+1}b^{1/2}) = o_P(1)$ . Consequently  $\bar{B}_{nT9} = o_P(1)$ . ■

**Proposition C.4**  $\Gamma_{nT,4} = o_P(1)$  under  $H_1(\gamma_{nT})$ .

**Proof.** Analogously to the proof of Proposition A.3, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{nT,4} &= -\sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{u}_i' \bar{Q} \hat{u}_i - \varepsilon_i' Q \varepsilon_i) \frac{\hat{\sigma}_i^2 - \sigma_i^2}{\sigma_i^4} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{u}_i' \bar{Q} \hat{u}_i - \varepsilon_i' Q \varepsilon_i) \frac{(\hat{\sigma}_i^2 - \sigma_i^2)^2}{\sigma_i^4 \hat{\sigma}_i^2} \\ &\equiv -\Gamma_{nT,41} + \Gamma_{nT,42}, \text{ say.} \end{aligned}$$

We prove the proposition by showing that  $\Gamma_{nT,4l} = o_P(1)$  for  $l = 1, 2$ . For  $\Gamma_{nT,41}$ , write  $\Gamma_{nT,41} = \sum_{l=1}^{10} \Gamma_{nT,41}(l)$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{nT,41}(1) &= \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-4} (B_{nT,i1} - \varepsilon_i' Q \varepsilon_i) (\hat{\sigma}_i^2 - \sigma_i^2), \\ \Gamma_{nT,41}(l) &= \sqrt{\frac{b}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-4} B_{nT,il} (\hat{\sigma}_i^2 - \sigma_i^2) \text{ for } l = 2, \dots, 10, \end{aligned}$$

and  $B_{nT,il}$  are defined after (B.1). Further decompose  $\Gamma_{nT,41}(1) = \sum_{m=1}^{10} \Gamma_{nT,41}(1, m)$  by using the decomposition  $\hat{\sigma}_i^2 = \sum_{l=1}^{10} TSS_{il}/T$  in (A.8), where  $\Gamma_{nT,41}(1, 1) = (b/n)^{1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-4} (B_{nT,i1} - \varepsilon_i' Q \varepsilon_i) (T^{-1}TSS_{i1} - \sigma_i^2)$  and  $\Gamma_{nT,41}(1, m) = (b/n)^{1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-4} (B_{nT,i1} - \varepsilon_i' Q \varepsilon_i) T^{-1}TSS_{im}$  for  $m = 2, \dots, 10$ . It is easy to show that  $\Gamma_{nT,41}(1, m) = o_P(1)$  for  $m = 1, \dots, 10$ . Consequently  $\Gamma_{nT,41}(1) = o_P(1)$ . Similarly, we can show  $\Gamma_{nT,41}(l) = (b/n)^{1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{-4} B_{nT,il} (\hat{\sigma}_i^2 - \sigma_i^2)$  for  $l = 2, \dots, 10$  by using the decomposition of  $\hat{\sigma}_i^2$  in (A.8). It follows that  $\Gamma_{nT,41} = o_P(1)$ .

For  $\Gamma_{nT,42}$ , we can apply the decomposition of  $\hat{u}_i' \bar{Q} \hat{u}_i$  in (B.1) to demonstrate that  $(b/n)^{1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n |\hat{u}_i' \bar{Q} \hat{u}_i - \varepsilon_i' Q \varepsilon_i| = o_P(n^{1/2})$ . Then  $\Gamma_{nT,42} = o_P(n^{1/2}v_{nT}^2) = o_P(n/T) = o_P(1)$  by (C.2). ■

## D Proof of Theorem 3.4

As in the proof of Theorem 3.3, we have the decomposition

$$\sqrt{\hat{\Omega}_{nT}} \bar{\Gamma}_{nT} = \bar{\Gamma}_{nT1} - \bar{\Gamma}_{nT2} - \bar{\Gamma}_{nT3} + \bar{\Gamma}_{nT4}, \quad (\text{D.1})$$

where  $\bar{\Gamma}_{nTl}$ ,  $l = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , are defined analogously to  $\Gamma_{nTl}$  in (C.1) with  $\sigma_i^2$  being replaced by  $\bar{\sigma}_i^2 \equiv \sigma_i^2 + \Upsilon_{i0}$ ,  $\Upsilon_{i0} \equiv \int_0^1 \Delta_i^2(\tau) d\tau - [\int_0^1 \Delta_i(\tau) d\tau]^2$ , and recall  $\Delta_i(\tau) \equiv f_i(\tau) - f(\tau)$  under  $H_1$ . By (A.8),  $\bar{\sigma}_i^2 = T^{-1} \sum_{l=1}^{10} TSS_{il}$ . Under  $H_1$ , by Lemma E.6(iii) the results in (A.9) become

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |T^{-1}TSS_{i1} - \sigma_i^2| = o_P(1) \text{ and } \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} T^{-1}TSS_{il} = o_P(1) \text{ for } l = 2, \dots, 6. \quad (\text{D.2})$$

We can also show that  $T^{-1}TSS_{il} = o_P(1)$  uniformly in  $i$  for  $l = 7, 9$ , and  $10$ . For  $TSS_{i8}$ , we have uniformly in  $i$ ,

$$T^{-1}TSS_{i8} = T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T [\Delta_i(t/T) - \bar{\Delta}_i]^2 = \int_0^1 \Delta_i^2(\tau) d\tau - \left( \int_0^1 \Delta_i(\tau) d\tau \right)^2 + o(1) = \Upsilon_{i0} + o(1),$$

where  $\bar{\Delta}_i \equiv T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \Delta_i(t/T)$ . It follows that uniformly in  $i$

$$\hat{\sigma}_i^2 = \sigma_i^2 + \Upsilon_{i0} + o_P(1) = \bar{\sigma}_i^2 + o_P(1). \quad (\text{D.3})$$

That is,  $\bar{\sigma}_i^2$  is the probability limit of  $\hat{\sigma}_i^2$  under  $H_1$ . We prove the theorem by showing that (i)  $\Lambda_{nT1} \equiv (n^{1/2}Tb^{1/2})^{-1} \bar{\Gamma}_{nT1} = \Xi_A + o_P(1)$ , and (ii)  $\Lambda_{nTl} \equiv (n^{1/2}Tb^{1/2})^{-1} \bar{\Gamma}_{nTl} = o_P(1)$  for  $l = 2, 3, 4$ .

Following the proof of Propositions A.1 and C.1, we can show that  $\Lambda_{nT1} = (n^{1/2}Tb^{1/2})^{-1} \bar{\Gamma}_{nT1} = \bar{\Lambda}_{nT1} + o_P(1)$ , where  $\bar{\Lambda}_{nT1} \equiv (n^{1/2}Tb^{1/2})^{-1} D_{nT2}$ . Following the analysis of  $D_{nT2}$  in the proof of Proposition C.1, we have

$$\bar{\Lambda}_{nT1} = \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^T (\bar{H}_{ts} - T^{-1}) \Delta_i(t/T) \Delta_i(s/T) / \bar{\sigma}_i^2 = \Theta_A + o(1),$$

where  $\Theta_A$  is defined analogously to  $\Theta_0$  with  $(\sigma_i^2, \mathbf{\Delta}_{ni})$  being replaced by  $(\bar{\sigma}_i^2, \mathbf{\Delta}_i)$ . This proves (i). Following the proof of Propositions A.3 and C.2-C.4, we can show that  $\Lambda_{nTl} = o_P(1)$  for  $l = 2, 3, 4$ .

## E Some Useful Lemmas

In this Appendix, we present some technical lemmas that are used in the proofs of the main results in the paper.

**Lemma E.1** *Let  $\lambda_{tT} \equiv \int_0^1 w_b(\frac{t}{T} - \tau) d\tau$ . Then  $\frac{1}{2} \leq \min_{1 \leq t \leq T} \lambda_{tT} \leq \max_{1 \leq t \leq T} \lambda_{tT} = 1$ .*

**Proof.** First, write  $\lambda_{tT} = \int_0^1 w(\frac{\tau}{b} - \frac{t}{Tb}) d(\frac{\tau}{b}) = \int_0^{1/b} w(u - \frac{t}{Tb}) du = \int_{-t/(Tb)}^{1/b-t/(Tb)} w(u) du$ . Clearly,  $\max_{1 \leq t \leq T} \lambda_{tT} = 1$ . If  $Tb \leq t \leq T(1-b)$ , then  $\lambda_{tT} = \int_{-1}^1 w(u) du = 1$ . If  $1 \leq t = T\epsilon < Tb$  for some  $\epsilon \in (0, b)$ , then

$$\lambda_{tT} = \int_{-t/(Tb)}^{1/b-t/(Tb)} w(s) ds = \int_{-\epsilon}^1 w(u) du \geq \int_0^1 w(u) du = \frac{1}{2}$$

where the last equality follows from the symmetry of  $w$  and the fact that  $\int_{-1}^1 w(u) du = 1$ . Similarly, if  $T(1-b) < t = T\epsilon \leq T$  for some  $\epsilon \in (1-b, 1)$ , then we have  $\int_0^1 w_b(\frac{t}{T} - \tau) d\tau = \int_{-t/(Tb)}^{1/b-t/(Tb)} w(u) du = \int_{-1}^{\epsilon} w(u) du \geq \int_{-1}^0 w(u) du = \frac{1}{2}$ . This proves the lemma. ■

**Lemma E.2**  $\max_{1 \leq t, s \leq T} |\bar{H}_{ts}| \leq C_1 (Tb)^{-1}$  for some constant  $C_1 < \infty$  where  $\bar{H}_{ts}$  denote the  $(t, s)$ th element of  $\bar{H}$ ,  $\bar{H} \equiv \int_0^1 H(\tau) d\tau$ , and  $H(\tau) \equiv W_b(\tau) z_b^{[1]}(\tau) \left( z_b^{[1]}(\tau)' W_b(\tau) z_b^{[1]}(\tau) \right)^{-1} z_b^{[1]}(\tau)' W_b(\tau)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $S_b(\tau) \equiv T^{-1} z_b^{[1]}(\tau)' W_b(\tau) z_b^{[1]}(\tau)$ . Then

$$S_b(\tau) = \mathbb{S} + o(1) \text{ uniformly in } \tau \in (0, 1), \quad (\text{E.1})$$

where  $\mathbb{S} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega_2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\omega_2 = \int_{-1}^1 w(u) u^2 du$ . By (E.1), Lemma E.1, and Assumption A4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\bar{H}_{ts}| &= \left| T^{-1} \int_0^1 z_{b,t}^{[1]}(\tau)' [S_b(\tau)]^{-1} z_{b,s}^{[1]}(\tau) \bar{w}_{b,t}(\tau) \bar{w}_{b,s}(\tau) d\tau \right| \\ &\approx \left| T^{-1} \int_0^1 z_{b,t}^{[1]}(\tau)' \mathbb{S}^{-1} z_{b,s}^{[1]}(\tau) \bar{w}_{b,t}(\tau) \bar{w}_{b,s}(\tau) d\tau \right| \\ &\leq \left| T^{-1} \int_0^1 w_b\left(\frac{t}{T} - \tau\right) w_b\left(\frac{s}{T} - \tau\right) d\tau (\lambda_{tT} \lambda_{sT})^{-1} \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \omega_2^{-1} T^{-1} \int_0^1 \left(\frac{t - \tau T}{Tb}\right) \left(\frac{s - \tau T}{Tb}\right) w_b\left(\frac{t}{T} - \tau\right) w_b\left(\frac{s}{T} - \tau\right) d\tau (\lambda_{tT} \lambda_{sT})^{-1} \right| \\ &\leq C(Tb)^{-1} \int_0^1 w_b\left(\frac{t}{T} - \tau\right) d\tau / \lambda_{tT} + C(Tb)^{-1} \int \frac{|t - \tau T|}{Tb} w_b\left(\frac{t}{T} - \tau\right) d\tau \\ &\leq C(Tb)^{-1} \left(1 + \int_{-1}^1 |u| w(u) d\tau\right) \leq C_1(Tb)^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $A \approx B$  denotes  $A = B(1 + o(1))$ . ■

**Lemma E.3** (i)  $A_{T1} \equiv b \sum_{1 \leq t \neq s \leq T} a_{ts}^2 = O(1)$ , (ii)  $A_{T2} \equiv T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^T \sum_{r=1}^T |a_{ts} a_{tr}| = O(1)$ , and (iii)  $A_{T3} \equiv \|\bar{H} - L\| = O(b^{-1/2})$ , where recall  $a_{ts} \equiv \bar{H}_{ts} - T^{-1}$  denotes the  $(t, s)$ th element of  $\bar{H} - L$ , and  $L \equiv T^{-1} i_T i_T'$ .

**Proof.** For (i) it is easy to show that  $A_{T1} = \bar{A}_{T1} + O(b)$ , where  $\bar{A}_{T1} \equiv b \sum_{1 \leq t \neq s \leq T} \bar{H}_{ts}^2$ . By (E.1),

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{A}_{T1} &\approx \frac{b}{T^2} \sum_{1 \leq t \neq s \leq T} \left\{ \int_0^1 z_{b,t}^{[1]}(\tau) \mathbb{S}^{-1} z_{b,s}^{[1]}(\tau) \bar{w}_{b,t}(\tau) \bar{w}_{b,s}(\tau) d\tau \right\}^2 \\ &= \frac{b}{T^2} \sum_{1 \leq t \neq s \leq T} \left\{ \int_0^1 \left[ 1 + \omega_2^{-1} \left( \frac{\tau}{b} - \frac{t}{Tb} \right) \left( \frac{\tau}{b} - \frac{s}{Tb} \right) \right] \frac{1}{b^2} w\left(\frac{\tau}{b} - \frac{s}{Tb}\right) w\left(\frac{\tau}{b} - \frac{t}{Tb}\right) d\tau \right\}^2 (\lambda_{tT} \lambda_{sT})^{-2} \\ &= \frac{b}{T^2} \sum_{1 \leq t \neq s \leq T} \left\{ \int_{-t/(Tb)}^{1/b-t/(Tb)} \left[ 1 + \omega_2^{-1} u \left( u + \frac{t-s}{Tb} \right) \right] \frac{1}{b} w(u) w\left(u + \frac{t-s}{Tb}\right) du \right\}^2 (\lambda_{tT} \lambda_{sT})^{-2} \\ &= \frac{b}{T^2} \sum_{t=\lfloor Tb \rfloor + 1}^{\lfloor T(1-b) \rfloor - 1} \sum_{s=1}^T \left\{ \int_{-1}^1 \left[ 1 + \omega_2^{-1} u \left( u + \frac{t-s}{Tb} \right) \right] \frac{1}{b} w(u) w\left(u + \frac{t-s}{Tb}\right) du \right\}^2 \\ &\quad \times \left\{ \int_0^{1/b} w\left(z - \frac{t}{Tb}\right) dz \int_0^{1/b} w\left(\frac{s-t}{Tb} - (z' - \frac{t}{Tb})\right) dz' \right\}^{-2} + O(b) \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=\lfloor Tb \rfloor + 1}^{\lfloor T(1-b) \rfloor - 1} \int_{-t/(Tb)}^{(T-t)/(Tb)} \left( \int_{-1}^1 \left[ 1 + \omega_2^{-1} u(u-v) \right] w(u) w(u-v) du \right)^2 \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_{-t/(Tb)}^{1/b-t/(Tb)} w(z) dz \int_{-t/(Tb)}^{1/b-t/(Tb)} w(z'-v) dz' \right)^{-2} dv + o(1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_b^{1-b} \int_{-1}^1 \left( \int_{-1}^1 [1 + \omega_2^{-1} u(u-v)] w(u) w(u-v) du \right)^2 \left( \int_{-1}^1 w(z) dz \int_{-1}^1 w(z'-v) dz' \right)^{-2} dv dv' \\
&\quad + o(1) \\
&= \int_{-1}^1 \left( \int_{-1}^1 [1 + \omega_2^{-1} u(u-v)] w(u) w(u-v) du \right)^2 \left( \int_{-1}^1 w(z-v) dz \right)^{-2} dv + o(1) = O(1).
\end{aligned}$$

By the same token, we can show (ii). For (iii), noting that  $\|\bar{H} - L\|^2 = \sum_{1 \leq t \neq s \leq T} a_{ts}^2 + \sum_{t=1}^T a_{tt}^2 = O(b^{-1}) + O(T^{-1}b^{-2})$ ,  $\|\bar{H} - L\| = O(b^{-1/2})$  as  $T^{-1}b^{-1} = o(1)$ . ■

**Lemma E.4** Let  $c_{ts} \equiv e'_1 [T^{-1} z_h^{[p]}(t/T)' K_h(t/T) z_h^{[p]}(t/T)]^{-1} z_{h,s}^{[p]}(t/T)$ . Then (i)  $C_{T1} \equiv T^{-2} \sum_{1 \leq t \neq s \leq T} |c_{ts}| k_{h,ts} = O(1)$ ; (ii)  $C_{T2} \equiv T^{-2} h \sum_{1 \leq t \neq s \leq T} c_{ts}^2 k_{h,ts}^2 = O(1)$ ; (iii)  $C_{T3} \equiv T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T |c_{tt}| = O(1)$ ; (iv)  $C_{T4} \equiv T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T c_{tt}^2 = O(1)$ .

**Proof.** (i) Let  $S_{p,h}(\tau) \equiv T^{-1} z_h^{[p]}(t/T)' K_h(t/T) z_h^{[p]}(t/T)$ . The  $(j, l)$ th element of  $S_{p,h}(\tau)$  is  $s_{jl}(\tau) = \frac{1}{Th} \sum_{s=1}^T \left( \frac{s-\tau T}{Th} \right)^{j+l-2} k\left(\frac{s-\tau T}{Th}\right)$ . For any  $\tau \in (0, 1)$ , we have by the definition of Riemann integral that

$$\begin{aligned}
s_{jl}(\tau) &= \frac{1}{Th} \sum_{r=1}^T \left( \frac{r}{Th} - \frac{\tau}{h} \right)^{j+l-2} k\left(\frac{r}{Th} - \frac{\tau}{h}\right) = \int_{-\tau/(Th)}^{1/h-\tau/(Th)} u^{j+l-2} k(u) du + o(1) \\
&= \int_{-1}^1 u^{j+l-2} k(u) du + o(1).
\end{aligned}$$

That is,  $S_{p,h}(\tau) = \mathbb{S}_p + o(1)$  for any  $\tau \in (0, 1)$ , where

$$\mathbb{S}_p = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_0 & \mu_1 & \cdots & \mu_p \\ \mu_1 & \mu_2 & \cdots & \mu_{p+1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mu_p & \mu_{p+1} & \cdots & \mu_{2p} \end{pmatrix},$$

and  $\mu_j \equiv \int_{-1}^1 v^j k(v) dv$  for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, 2p$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
C_{T1} &= \frac{1}{T^2 h} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^T \left| e'_1 \mathbb{S}_p^{-1} \left[ 1, \frac{s-t}{Th}, \dots, \left( \frac{s-t}{Th} \right)^p \right] \right| k\left(\frac{s-t}{Th}\right) + o(1) \\
&= \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \int_{-t/(Th)}^{(T-t)/(Th)} |e'_1 \mathbb{S}_p^{-1} [1, v, \dots, v^p]| k(v) dv + o(1) \\
&= \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=\lfloor Th \rfloor + 1}^{\lfloor T(1-h) \rfloor - 1} \int_{-t/(Th)}^{(T-t)/(Th)} |e'_1 \mathbb{S}_p^{-1} [1, v, \dots, v^p]| k(v) dv + o(1) \\
&= \int_{-1}^1 |e'_1 \mathbb{S}_p^{-1} [1, v, \dots, v^p]| k(v) dv + o(1) = O(1).
\end{aligned}$$

This proves (i). By the same token,

$$\begin{aligned}
C_{T2} &= \frac{1}{T^2 h} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^T \left| e'_1 \mathbb{S}_p^{-1} \left[ 1, \frac{s-t}{Th}, \dots, \left( \frac{s-t}{Th} \right)^p \right] \right|^2 k\left(\frac{s-t}{Th}\right)^2 + o(1) \\
&= \int_{-1}^1 |e'_1 \mathbb{S}_p^{-1} [1, v, \dots, v^p]|^2 k(v)^2 dv + o(1) = O(1).
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can prove (iii)-(iv). ■

**Lemma E.5**  $\sup_{\tau \in (0,1)} e_1' S(\tau) \varepsilon = O_P \left( \sqrt{\log(nT) / (nTh)} \right).$

**Proof.** The proof is analogous to that of (A.11) in Chen, Gao, and Li (2010, pp. 27-30). ■

**Lemma E.6** Suppose Assumptions A1-A5 hold. Recall  $\gamma_{nT} = n^{-1/4} T^{-1/2} b^{-1/2}$  in  $H_1(\gamma_{nT})$ . Then as  $(n, T) \rightarrow \infty$ ,

- (i)  $\hat{\beta} - \beta = O_P(n^{-1/2} T^{-1/2})$  under  $H_0$ ;
- (ii)  $\hat{\beta} - \beta = o_P(\gamma_{nT})$  under  $H_1(\gamma_{nT})$  provided that A6 also holds;
- (iii)  $\hat{\beta} - \beta = o_P(1)$  under  $H_1$  provided that A6 also holds.

**Proof.** (i) This can be done by following the proof of Theorem 3.1 in CGL (2010). Note that CGL also proves the asymptotic normality under the independence of  $\{(\varepsilon_{it}, v_{it})\}$  across  $t$  and the assumption that  $g_i$  in Assumption A1 is the same for all  $i$  ( $g_i = g$ , say). One can verify that the above probability order can be attained even if we relax their independence condition to our m.d.s. condition and their homogenous trending assumption on  $g$  to our heterogeneous case.

(ii) Recalling that  $\bar{\mathbf{F}} \equiv i_n \otimes \bar{\mathbf{f}}$  and  $S_{nT} \mathbf{F} = S_{nT} \bar{\mathbf{F}}$ , we have

$$\hat{\beta} - \beta = (X^{*'} M_D X^*)^{-1} X^{*'} M_D (\varepsilon^* + \bar{\mathbf{F}}^*) + (X^{*'} M_D X^*)^{-1} X^{*'} M_D (\mathbf{F} - \bar{\mathbf{F}}) \equiv d_1 + d_2, \text{ say.} \quad (\text{E.2})$$

The first term also appears under  $H_0$  and thus  $d_1 = O_P(n^{-1/2} T^{-1/2})$ . The second term vanishes under  $H_0$  and plays asymptotically non-negligible role under  $H_1(\gamma_{nT})$ . Let  $\bar{d}_2 \equiv X^{*'} M_D (\mathbf{F} - \bar{\mathbf{F}})$ . Note that

$$\bar{d}_2 = X^{*'} (\mathbf{F} - \bar{\mathbf{F}}) - X^{*'} D (D' D)^{-1} D (\mathbf{F} - \bar{\mathbf{F}}). \quad (\text{E.3})$$

Similarly to the proof in CGL (2010), we can show that the leading term on the right hand side of the above equation is  $X^{*'} (\mathbf{F} - \bar{\mathbf{F}})$ . Noting that  $X_{it} = g_i(t/T) + v_{it}$  and  $X^* = (I - S_{nT})X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} X^{*'} (\mathbf{F} - \bar{\mathbf{F}}) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T [X_{it} - e_1' S(t/T) X] [f_i(t/T) - \bar{f}(t/T)] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T v_{it} [f_i(t/T) - \bar{f}(t/T)] - \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T \{e_1' S(t/T) V\} [f_i(t/T) - \bar{f}(t/T)] \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T [g_i(t/T) - \bar{g}(t/T)] [f_i(t/T) - \bar{f}(t/T)] \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T [\bar{g}(t/T) - e_1' S(t/T) \mathbf{G}] [f_i(t/T) - \bar{f}(t/T)] \\ &\equiv \Psi_{nT1} - \Psi_{nT2} + \Psi_{nT3} + \Psi_{nT4}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{E.4})$$

where  $V \equiv (v'_{11}, \dots, v'_{1T}, \dots, v'_{n1}, \dots, v'_{nT})'$ ,  $\bar{g}(t/T) \equiv n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n g_i(t/T)$ ,  $\mathbf{g}_i \equiv (g_i(1/T)', \dots, g_i(T/T)')'$  and  $\mathbf{G} \equiv (\mathbf{g}'_1, \dots, \mathbf{g}'_n)'$ . Clearly  $\Psi_{nTl} = 0$  for  $l = 2, 4$  by the definition of  $\bar{f}$ . Noting that  $\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sup_{0 \leq \tau \leq 1}$



$|f_i(\tau) - \bar{f}(\tau)| = O(\gamma_{nT})$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
E \|\Psi_{nT1}\|^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T E(v'_{it} v_{jt}) [f_i(t/T) - \bar{f}(t/T)] [f_j(t/T) - \bar{f}(t/T)] \\
&\leq \left( \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sup_{0 \leq \tau \leq 1} |f_i(\tau) - \bar{f}(\tau)| \right)^2 \left( T \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n |E(v'_{i1} v_{j1})| \right) \\
&= O(\gamma_{nT}^2) O(nT) = o(nT),
\end{aligned}$$

implying that  $\Psi_{nT1} = o_P(\sqrt{nT})$ . For  $\Psi_{nT3}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|\Psi_{nT3}| &\leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sup_{0 \leq \tau \leq 1} |f_i(\tau) - \bar{f}(\tau)| \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T |g_i(t/T) - \bar{g}(t/T)| \\
&= O(\gamma_{nT}) T \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \int_0^1 |g_i(\tau) - \bar{g}(\tau)| d\tau + O(1/T) \right) \\
&= O(\gamma_{nT}) o(nT) = o(\gamma_{nT} nT).
\end{aligned}$$

Consequently, we have shown that  $X^{*'}(\mathbf{F} - \bar{\mathbf{F}}) = O_P(\sqrt{nT}) + o(\gamma_{nT} nT)$ . It follows  $X^{*'} M_D(\mathbf{F} - \bar{\mathbf{F}}) = O_P(\sqrt{nT})$ . Noting that  $(nT)^{-1} X^{*'} M_D X^* = O_P(1)$ , we have  $(X^{*'} M_D X^*)^{-1} X^{*'} M_D(\mathbf{F} - \bar{\mathbf{F}}) = o_P(\gamma_{nT})$ . Thus  $\hat{\beta} - \beta = o_P(\gamma_{nT})$  under  $H_1(\gamma_{nT})$ .

(iii) Using the notation above, we continue to have  $d_1 = O_P(n^{-1/2} T^{-1/2})$  and  $(nT)^{-1} X^{*'} M_D X^* = O_P(1)$  under  $H_1$ . For  $\bar{d}_2$ , we analyze the dominant term  $X^{*'}(\mathbf{F} - \bar{\mathbf{F}})$  by using the same decomposition in (E.4). Clearly, we still have  $\Psi_{nT2} = 0$ ,  $\Psi_{nT3} = o_P(nT)$  and  $\Psi_{nT4} = 0$ . For  $\Psi_{nT1}$ , noting that  $\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sup_{0 \leq \tau \leq 1} |f_i(\tau) - \bar{f}(\tau)| = O(1)$  under  $H_1$ , we have  $E(\|\Psi_{nT1}\|^2) = O(nT)$ , which implies that  $\Psi_{nT1} = O_P(\sqrt{nT})$ . Thus  $X^{*'}(\mathbf{F} - \bar{\mathbf{F}}) = o_P(nT)$  and  $\hat{\beta} - \beta = o_P(1)$  under  $H_1$ . ■

**Remark.** If  $g_i(\tau) - \bar{g}(\tau) = 0$  for all  $\tau \in [0, 1]$ , then from the proof of (ii) and (iii) we can see that  $\hat{\beta} - \beta = O_P(n^{-1/2} T^{-1/2})$  also holds under  $H_1(\gamma_{nT})$  and  $H_1(1)$  as  $\Psi_{nT3} = 0$  in this case.

**Lemma E.7**  $\|X - S_{nT} X\|^2 = O_P(nT)$ .

**Proof.** Recall  $\mathbf{g}_i \equiv (g_i(1/T), \dots, g_i(T/T))'$  and  $\mathbf{G} \equiv (\mathbf{g}'_1, \dots, \mathbf{g}'_n)'$ . Noting that  $X_{it} = g_i(t/T) + v_{it}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\|X - S_{nT} X\|^2 \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T \|X_{it} - e_1 S(t/T) X\|^2 \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T \|v_{it} - e_1 S(t/T) V + [g_i(t/T) - \bar{g}(t/T)] + [\bar{g}(t/T) - e_1 S(t/T) \mathbf{G}]\|^2 \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T v'_{it} v_{it} + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T \|e_1 S(t/T) V\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T \|g_i(t/T) - \bar{g}(t/T)\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T \|\bar{g}(t/T) - e_1 S(t/T) \mathbf{G}\|^2
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T v'_{it} e_1 S(t/T) V + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T v'_{it} (g_i(t/T) - \bar{g}(t/T)) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T v'_{it} (\bar{g}(t/T) - e_1 S(t/T) \mathbf{G}) \\
& +2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (e_1 S(t/T) V)' (\bar{g}(t/T) - e_1 S(t/T) \mathbf{G}) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (e_1 S(t/T) V)' (g_i(t/T) - \bar{g}(t/T)) \\
& +2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (g_i(t/T) - \bar{g}(t/T))' (\bar{g}(t/T) - e_1 S(t/T) \mathbf{G}) \equiv \sum_{r=1}^{10} \Pi_{nT,r}, \text{ say.}
\end{aligned}$$

It is easy to show that:  $\Pi_{nT,1} = O_P(nT)$  by the Markov inequality,  $\Pi_{nT,2} = O_P(nT \log(nT)/(nTh)) = o_P(nT)$ ,  $\Pi_{nT,3} = O(nT)$  by the property of Riemann integral,  $\Pi_{nT,4} = O(nTh^{2p+2}) = o(nT)$  by the Taylor expansion. For the remaining terms, it is clear that  $\Pi_{nT,r} = 0$  for  $r = 9, 10$ , and we can show that  $\sum_{r=6}^8 \Pi_{nT,r} = O_P(nT)$  by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality. ■

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